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ADMIRAL COLLARD TO BE RETIRED.

DEWAR AND DANIEL GUILTY OF SERIOUS OFFENCE.

THE ADMIRALTY VIEW.

London, Apr. 17. Rear-Admiral Bernard Collard has been relieved of his command and will be placed on the Retired List as the result of the deliberations of the Board of the Admiralty. Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord, announced to the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Bridgeman made a long statement on the incidents on board H.M.S. Royal Oak and the subsequent courts-martial, and said that the Board of the Admiralty were of opinion that the initial blame for what happened must lay with Rear-Admiral Collard in dealing with trivial causes of dissatisfaction in a manner unbecoming to his position and showing himself unfit for high command.

The Board had decided, despite his good services in the past, to place him on the retired list.

Board's Disapproval.

As regards Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel, the Board confirmed their sentences in order to mark their disapproval of their action, but the sentences did not preclude them from further employment in due course should suitable vacancies occur.

Mr. Bridgeman further announced that the Board of the Admiralty was carefully reviewing the Regulations in order to ascertain whether there were any grounds for the suggestions that officers and men might be uncertain how to act if they had a complaint to make against anyone of superior rank.—*Reuter.*

Unfit for High Command.

After reviewing the proceedings in the courts-martial on Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel, at which Rear-Admiral Collard gave evidence, the Board of the Admiralty were of opinion that the initial blame for what happened lay with Rear-Admiral Collard in dealing with trivial causes of dissatisfaction in a manner unbecoming to his position and showing himself unfit for high command. He had now been relieved of his command and the Board had decided to place him on the Retired List, despite his good service in the past.

In the case of the other two officers who were sentenced to be severely reprimanded and dismissed their ships, Mr. Bridgeman said the Board had decided to confirm their sentences, though they were of opinion that in Commander Daniel's case, no offence against King's Regulations was proved under the second charge.

Grave View.

As it had been suggested that the offences committed by these officers were more or less technical in character, the Board thought it necessary to say it had taken a grave view of their conduct.

Commander Daniel having been ordered to give a report to Captain Dewar on certain events connected with the departure of the Rear-Admiral from his ship, supplemented it by an addition of his own, and made a report containing unnecessary comment on Rear-Admiral Collard, based on hearsay and partly making criticisms of an improper nature.

The Board were of opinion that officers of their experience must have been aware of the procedure for making complaint, and that the making of a complaint must not be used for the subversion of discipline of a superior officer.

Beyond Formality.

Captain Dewar should have deterred his junior officer from going beyond a formal report of facts which he had been ordered to prepare. He did not discourage Commander Daniel, but accepted his report, which was contrary to traditions and prejudicial to naval discipline.

The Board had therefore confirmed the sentences on these two
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JAPANESE IN THE WAR ZONE.

CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS FOR TSINGTAO.

TROOPS IF NECESSARY.

Tokyo, Apr. 17. Subject to Cabinet approval, the Naval authorities have decided to order two cruisers and four destroyers, which are now cruising, to proceed to Tsingtao.

It is also likely that the cruiser "Izumi" with a landing force of 250 bluejackets will be sent to Tsingtao from Yokosuka.

As one Japanese cruiser is already at Tsingtao, the total landing force which will be made available by the new orders will be about 900. The Army authorities are considering the despatch of a brigade from Japan if the situation becomes more serious.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, Apr. 17. Rumour is rife in Shanghai, that the Japanese Government intends to dispatch troops to Shantung, where considerable fighting is going on between the Kuomintang and the Northerners.

If such action is taken, it is alleged, the progress of the Kuomintang armies will be hindered.

Chinese in Shanghai are much opposed to the Japanese proposals.

AMERICAN LOSSES IN NICARAGUA.

TWENTY-ONE KILLED IN OPERATIONS.

Washington, Apr. 17. In response to a Senate resolution asking for "information regarding the American operations in Nicaragua," the Navy Department has issued a statement, notifying that the United States Marines have lost 21 killed and 45 wounded.

Two hundred and two Nicaraguans are known to have been killed.

The additional cost of the Marine Corps as the result of the trouble now totals \$1,590,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW KUOMINTANG COUNCIL.

TO BE ESTABLISHED IN HANKOW.

Shanghai, Apr. 17. The Wuchang-Hankow branch of the Kuomintang Political Council, which will be the highest civil authority of Hupen, will be established at Hankow on May 1st, with General Li Tsung-jen, a staunch supporter of Marshal Li Chai-sun, as Chairman. On the same day, General Li Tsung-jen will take the oath.

A lengthy declaration addressed to Chinese living overseas, by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek the Nationalist Commander-in-Chief, has been issued.

BRITISH LOAN LISTED IN NEW YORK.

BIGGEST FOREIGN ISSUE IN U.S. HISTORY.

New York, Apr. 17. The Stock Exchange has listed the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland four per cent. Loan, redeemable 1960/90, of which approximately £388,000,000 is outstanding.

This is the largest foreign Government issue which has ever been listed on the New York Stock Exchange.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LIBERALS ENTERTAIN HENRY FORD.

LUNCHEON AT HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Apr. 17. Mr. Henry Ford, the American motor manufacturer, was the guest of Mr. Lloyd George at a private luncheon party at the House of Commons. The party included Lord Reading, Sir John Simon and other prominent Liberals.—*British Wireless.*

GRAPHIC STORY OF "BREMEN."

REVOLVER READY FOR EMERGENCY.

FLIGHT TO NEW YORK NOW ABANDONED.

400 MILES IN THE DARK.

New York, Apr. 17. A sensational revelation that Baron Von Huchfeld had been toying with a revolver with the idea of shooting his companions and himself as a last resort in the event of a failure to reach land has been made in connexion with the sensational flight of the "Bremen" from Ireland to America.

The first-hand account of the landing of the "Bremen" on the desolate ice-bound island of Greenland off the Labrador coast, has been given at St. John's, New Brunswick, by Miss Greta Ferris, of the Grenfell Mission.

The details correspond in the most important particulars with the accounts already received. The machine was damaged in landing.

"Thank God!"

The airmen's first words in their respective languages on climbing out of the plane were "Thank God!"

Miss Greta Ferris states that Baron Von Huchfeld told the exhausted after the battle with the elements, had been toying with a revolver in the last stages fearing that the "Bremen" would never be able to reach land.

He was ready to shoot his companions and himself as a last resort.

Lighting System Falls.

A message from Quebec says that "four hundred miles flown in darkness" was the laconic comment of Baron Von Huchfeld, describing to a wireless operator at Point Amour how the failure of the lighting system on the Bremen's instrument board on Thursday night nearly resulted in disaster.

When dawn arrived it brought with it a blizzard. The machine was blown off its course and brought down dangerously low.

"Only with the greatest difficulty were we able to keep her up."

Aviators' Intentions.

Colonel FitzMaurice has arrived at Clark City.

News from Montreal of the stranded aviators states that the idea of flying the "Bremen" from Greenland to New York has been abandoned, and all three aviators will leave for New York in the quickest manner possible.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NO "LABOUR DAY" PARADES.

CANTON AUTHORITIES ISSUE EDICT.

Chinese reports state that the Canton Police and the Garrison Headquarters have notified the Labour Unions and Guilds that no labour meetings or street parades are to be permitted on May 1st (Labour Day).

The edict adds that formerly, when a radical Government was in power and Communist activity was rife, propaganda by delivering speeches and distributing seditious pamphlets. Such conduct by the labourers, the order says, will be prohibited this year.

"SOME RAIN" PREDICTED.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone is now central over S.W. Japan. A depression remains over Indo-China. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East winds, fresh; overcast; some rain.

ULLMANN WINDOWS BIG DRUG SEIZURE IN INDIA.

SOLDIER IS ARRESTED FOR STONE-THROWING.

BURGLARY RUMOURS.

The attention of passers-by in Chater Road this morning was attracted by gaping holes in the shop windows of Messrs. J. Ullmann & Company, Jewellers, of Alexandra Building. In one of the windows a hole through which a man's arm could be comfortably passed, suggested the theory that a robbery had been committed, and rumours were soon current that city burglars had once again been active.

In all, two plate glass windows were damaged, both near the entrance in Chater Road of Alexandra Building. One of the windows had a large hole in the centre with cracks extending over the length and breadth of it, whilst another was holed in two places, one near the top and the other slightly below the centre. These holes were both about two inches in diameter but the pane of glass is badly "starred," cracks running over the whole surface of the glass.

It transpires, however, that Messrs. Ullmann were not the victims of a robbery, but only of a stone-throwing incident. It is alleged that early this morning a soldier threw several stones at the window from the middle of the road, and, after smashing the window, ran off in the direction of Statue Square. He was chased and caught and later handed over to the police.

In connexion with the above, a police report this morning states that Private G. Hood of the "B" Company, 2nd K.O.S.B., was arrested for doing wilful damage to Messrs. Ullmann's store by throwing stones at their plate-glass window and breaking it.

EXPORT GUARANTEES IN BRITAIN.

GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND SCHEME.

London, Apr. 17. Capt. D. H. Hacking, the Head of the Department of Overseas Trade, has engagements with a number of Chambers of Commerce with a view to discussing plans for increasing British exports.

His first engagement was with the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce to-day. On Thursday, he will be the guest of the Southampton Chamber of Commerce and on April 26th he will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the British Chambers of Commerce.

It is understood that the principal topic will be the extension of the export guarantee scheme.—*British Wireless.*

MOTOR SHIPS MORE POPULAR.

STEAM TONNAGE BEING EXCEEDED.

London, Apr. 17. The striking progress in motor-ships is again emphasised in Lloyd's quarterly returns.

These show that the motor-ship tonnage at present being built throughout the world totals 1,490,000, compared with 1,390,000 for steam tonnage, notwithstanding the fact that the number of steamers under construction is 369 and motor-ships only 276.

Of the total tonnage of 2,883,000 at present under construction, British yards are building 1,441,000, a reduction of 129,000 compared with the previous quarter.—*Reuter.*

THREE NEW K.G.'S.

FAMOUS PEERS HONOURED BY KING.

London, Apr. 17. The King has approved that the following be appointed Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter:—Earl of Athlone, Governor-General of South Africa; the Duke of Abercorn; and Lord Desborough.—*British Wireless.*

BIG DRUG SEIZURE IN INDIA.

JAPANESE CRITICISED AT CONFERENCE.

FORTY TIMES LEGITIMATE REQUIREMENTS.

NO MUKDEN FACTORY.

Genoa, Apr. 17. That it was hopeless to attempt to prevent the smuggling of narcotics into China was the opinion expressed by Mr. Lyall, the Assessor, when the Opium Committee discussed the United States 1927 report on opium and the dangerous drugs traffic.

Long experience, he said, had taught him that prevention of smuggling to China was hopeless and that the only remedy was to attack smuggling at its source.

Sir John Campbell (India) stated that all measures of control mentioned in the American report were already in force in India. He denied that large quantities of prepared opium could have been exported from India into the Philippines, since no prepared opium was manufactured in India.

The Government of India, he declared, exercised a most rigid control on the export of opium.

Hoogli River Seizure.

The Committee also considered the report of Japan for 1925-26 as regards the measures taken for the control of the drug traffic in Japan.

The Chairman thanked Viscount Sato for his explanations.

Sir John Campbell asked what became of the large quantity of cocaine manufactured in Japan. He cited a recent large seizure on its arrival at the Hoogli River from Kobe. He declared that the importations of Japan were forty times more than the country's legitimate requirements.

In the afternoon, Viscount Sato, replying to Sir John Campbell's criticisms, contested the genuineness of the labels on the smuggled cocaine. Only one-tenth of the narcotics smuggled into India, he declared, emanated from Japan.

Japanese Smuggling.

The later had assumed responsibility for the seizure on the Hoogli River and would investigate the matter, but Japan could not be held responsible for all the smuggling carried on in Japanese steamers.

Viscount Sato quoted statistics in demonstration of the substantial reduction in Japanese imports. The manufacturers of cocaine and morphine had admitted evasions with regard to cocaine, but other countries were also exporting considerable quantities of narcotics.

Japan was willing to conform with a measure of restriction of manufacture, if the restrictions were applied all round, but otherwise she was unable to undertake to reduce manufacture.

Sir John Campbell in reply, observed that Japanese co-operation was necessary to the stopping of evasions. He, generally speaking, expressed satisfaction with Viscount Sato's statement.

Mukden Rumours.

Both Viscount Sato and Mr. Chao addressing the Opium Committee, denied the rumours that companies are being formed to establish morphine factories in Kwantung and Mukden.—*Reuter.*

INTERNATIONAL BANK CONFERENCE.

CLOSER CO-OPERATION PLANNED.

Paris, Apr. 17. The international banking conference which opened on Tuesday last week under the auspices of the League of Nations, has concluded its sittings.

The proceedings throughout have been private, but it is understood that the Conference, which was attended by representatives of twenty-four national banks, including America, dealt with a world-wide system for the interchange of information relating to exchanges and other characteristics of the various markets, with the object of facilitating international banking operations.—*Reuter.*

FORMER M.P.'S DEATH.

LIEUT.-COL. W. V. FABER.

The death has occurred of Lieut.-Colonel Walter Vavasour Faber, formerly, M.P. (C), for the Andover Division of Hants (1908-18).

MORE TERRORISM IN JAPAN.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER STABBED TO DEATH.

TWO OTHERS KILLED.

Osaka, Apr. 17. The Japanese public is worried, on the one hand, with the recent discovery of Communist activities, and, on the other, with the increasing physical violence committed by pro-Government reactionaries.

The latest sensation, under the latter heading, is reported from Wakayama, thirty miles south of Osaka, where the local Minseitō member of the Prefectural Assembly, has been stabbed to death with a dagger, together with two others.

Two were also seriously wounded at the same time that the murders were committed, as a result of a refusal to withdraw litigation against the police in connexion with the recent General Election.

The assailants are followers of a local reactionary political boss.—*Reuter.*

RADIO AMATEUR TELLS THE WORLD.

GOOD NEWS REACHES FATHER IN HONGKONG.

The remarkable manner in which a message reached Hongkong from far distant California, announcing to a passenger on the s.s. Hakone Maru that he had become a grandfather, is an interesting story which has just come to hand.

An amateur wireless enthusiast in California, who became the father of a bouncing baby boy, broadcast the news by short-wave transmitter to the Far East where his father was touring, addressing the message to "Mendel, passenger, Hakone Maru."

A short-wave amateur in Manila picked up the message and re-transmitted it to Shanghai, where Szeewei Station received. The Jesuit Fathers in Shanghai very kindly sent the message to the Hakone Maru which was at Shanghai, and when Mr. Mendel joined the vessel in Hongkong, last week he found the message waiting for him.

Naturally he was extremely pleased, and has written to the Jesuit Fathers thanking them for their thoughtfulness. The identity of the Manila amateur is not at present known.

FOR THE TRAVELLER.

GUIDE FOR THOSE ON HOLIDAY.

Those going home on leave this year, or thinking of taking a holiday anywhere in the East, will find much valuable information in Messrs. Thos Cook and Son's "Far Eastern Travellers' Guide," the April-June quarter issue of which is now out.

Interesting articles are given regarding motor tours in Great Britain; the coming exhibition of contemporary culture at Brno, Czechoslovakia; the festival of Wagner operas at Bayreuth; the summer festival of operas and plays at Salzburg, Austria; the Olympic Games in Holland; and the West Country of England.

There is also much information on how to see the principal cities of Europe and the Mediterranean, together with details of steamship, aerial and railway services.

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KOWLOON MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK TAKES UP CLAIM.

MANY MAINLAND QUESTIONS TO-MORROW.

GAOL FACILITIES.

Kowloon's claim to a seat on the Legislative Council, in view of the importance of the mainland in the future development of Hongkong, has been taken up by Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and at to-morrow's meeting of the Council he will ask the Government whether they are prepared to seek an amendment of the constitution of the Council in order to permit of Kowloon being represented on the Council.

Sir Henry has also interested himself in a number of other questions of importance to Kowloon, including the provision of a public pier, the improvement of the traffic regulation at Kowloon point, the further acquisition of land for children's playgrounds.

A memorial to the late Sir Paul Chater commemorating his pioneer work in connexion with the big Praya reclamation schemes will also be suggested.

Eight Questions.

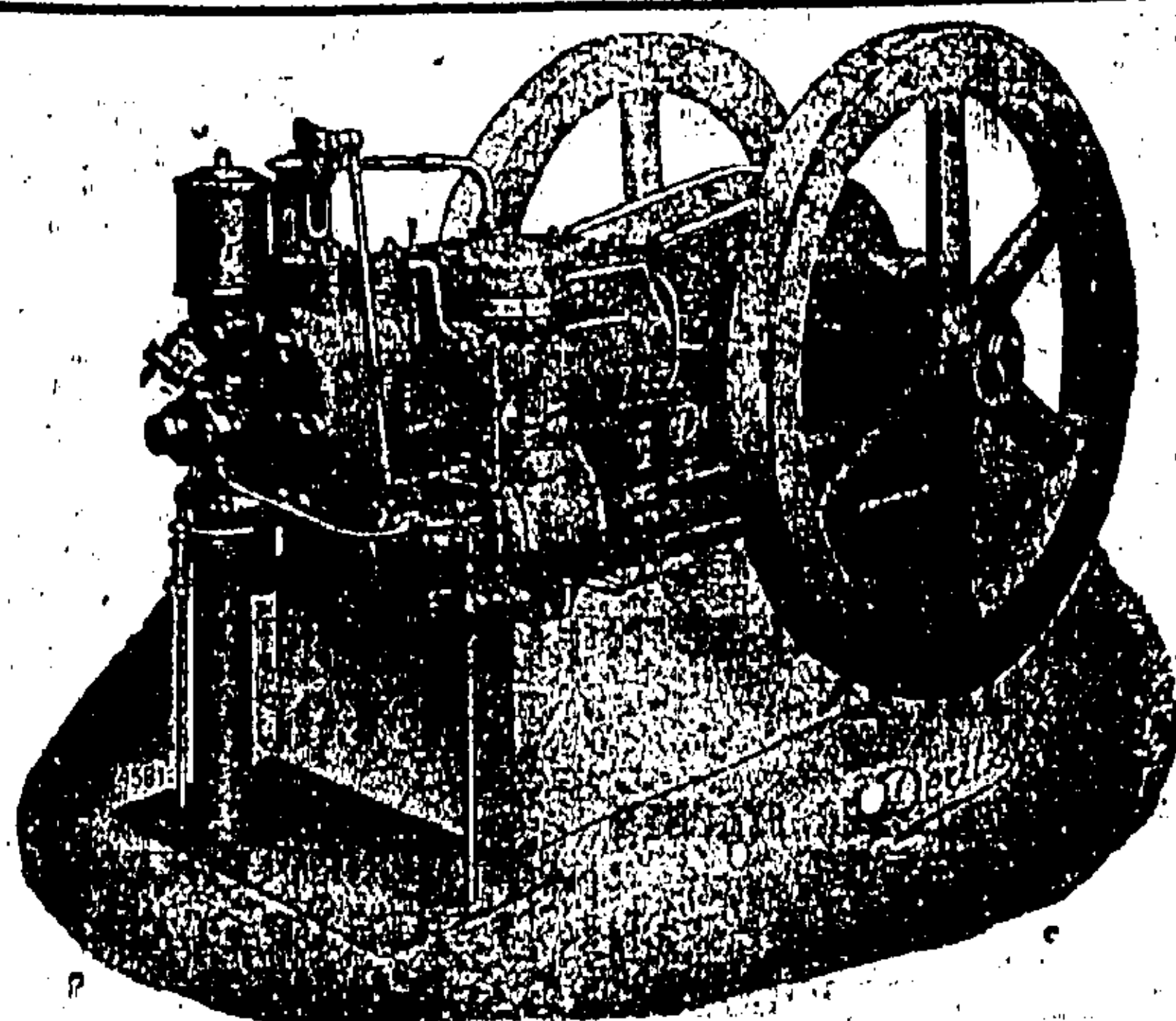
The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock will ask eight questions in all, as follows:

1. Will the Government consider the advisability of making representations to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies with reference to the constitution of this Council being amended in order to permit of Kowloon being represented on this Council?
2. If the construction of a public pier at the end of Nathan Road is impracticable, will the Government favourably consider the erection of a public pier at the end of Jordan Road?
3. Will the Government state what steps it is prepared to take in order to meet the desires of the Kowloon Residents' Association in regard to the improvement of traffic regulation in the vicinity of the Star Ferry Wharf at Kowloon?
4. With a view to the increase of public bathing facilities in the Colony, will the Government:
 - (I) Put up additional bathing cubicles, and pavilion accommodation, for the use of the public, at Repulse Bay?
 - (II) Put up bathing cubicles, and a pavilion, for the use of the public, at the Bay near Stanley where private bathing machines have already been erected?
5. Will the Government, in accordance with the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee contained in Sessional Paper No. 12 of 1928, expend a sum, not estimated at \$7,115, with an annual wages bill for boatmen and coolies of \$560 for the season, in providing bathing cubicles, a shelter or pavilion, sanitary conveniences, boats, buoys, rafts, fresh water, etc., at Cheung Sha Bay, which is on the motor road a few miles nearer to Kowloon than Castle Peak Bay?

Kowloon Tong Water.

6. Will the Government take steps to enable the residents of Kowloon Tong to have a sufficient water-supply for the flush closet system, which system has been installed in their houses in accordance with the original building scheme?
7. Will the Government utilize one of the strips of Government land abutting on Salisbury Road as a play-ground for Kowloon children? Will the Government also inquire into the possibility of various unbuilt-on pieces of land temporarily used for the purposes of children's play-grounds?
8. Will the Government consider the advisability of a simple granite Memorial being erected on the Praya Wall, between Queen's Pier and the Star Ferry Wharf, in order to commemorate the fact that the late Sir Paul Chater was the originator of two important Reclamations on the South side of the Harbour, namely, one from the Royal Naval Yard Westward to West Point, and the other from the Royal Naval Yard Eastward to East Point?

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HONGKONG POLICE INSPECTION.

SPECTACULAR PARADE AT
MURRAY GROUND.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., inspected a smart turnout of members of the different units of the Hongkong Police yesterday at the Murray Parade Ground.

There were in all about five hundred strong on parade, including members of the European, Indian, Cantonese and Weihaiwei contingents.

Both the Chinese and Indian sections of the Hongkong Police Reserve were represented and members of the Flying Squad and the newly formed Sharpshooters' Company were also present.

The Fire Brigade had a contingent of about fifty men on the ground, in addition to four fire engines.

Heralded by the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, the force made a spectacular march from the Central Police Station to the Murray Parade Ground and huge crowds lined the streets to see them. Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C. I. E., led the European contingents which headed the force. The Indians, led by Khan Sahib Nawab Khan and Sirdar Sahib Mohinder Singh, came next. Then followed the Cantonese and the Weihaiwei contingents headed by Mr. W. Kent. The District Watchmen came next in order and lastly the members of Police Reserve headed by their respective inspectors. A few members of the Indian Machine Gun Company were also present.

Members of the Flying Squad provided the escort for His Excellency the Governor, to and from the parade ground, where the Fire Brigade under Superintendent H. T. Brooks were also present. Members of the Sharpshooters' Company formed a cordon round the ground.

Accompanied by Capt. Whyte and two officers of the Indian Regiment, His Excellency arrived promptly at 4 p.m. and was met by the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C. M. G. His Excellency inspected the various members of the force and afterwards decorated those who had won medals during the past year.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe was decorated with the C. M. G. by His Excellency the Governor amidst applause. The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, acting Colonial Secretary, read the warrant from His Majesty the King.

There was a large and distinguished gathering present at the Parade ground to view the spectacle included amongst whom were H. E. Major General C. C. Luard, Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Joseph Kemp, Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, the Hon. Mr. C. Mc. Messer, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotelwall, the Hon. Mr. W. E. J. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. E. Ralphy, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, Dr. S. W. Tao and members of the Consular Body. Lady Clementi and Lady Chow were also present.

At the conclusion of His Excellency's speech, the Fire Brigade demonstrated their efficiency. At a signal the four engines were started almost at once and were driven past where His Excellency stood, the officer in charge of each engine saluting.

His Excellency's Speech.

His Excellency's speech was as follows:

When I last addressed you almost exactly a year ago, I expressed the fear that your work during 1927 would be no less arduous than it was in 1926. My foreboding was fully realized; for the turmoil in China continued throughout last year and made the task of preserving law and order in this Colony unusually anxious and difficult. For example, there was a large influx of refugees into Hongkong

from the neighbouring provinces of China. The total of arrivals for the year 1927 showed an excess of 98,496 over departures; and in the month of December alone, when there was a *saucy qui part* from Canton to Hongkong, the excess of arrivals over departures amounted to 21,666 souls. These figures may in a sense be regarded as a high compliment to the Hongkong Police Force, for they indicate a firm faith among our Chinese neighbours that, no matter how desperate the lawlessness and anarchy in their own country, the Hongkong authorities will see to it that law and order are efficiently maintained in this Colony. However, in such an influx there cannot fail to be many criminals and dangerous characters whose detection is important to the public well-being. I am glad to be able to congratulate the whole Police Force, and especially the Criminal Investigation Department, on faithful and efficient service rendered under very trying conditions. The law-abiding public has been well protected.

Dangerous Duties.

The dangers to which constables are exposed in the ordinary course of their duty in Hongkong were well illustrated by the shooting affray in Wing Lok Street on the 7th December last. During this clash between the Police and armed robbers two Chinese constables were shot dead, namely Wan Wong-chi and Chan Sing. Some very good individual Police work was done in this affray, and I particularly mention Lance-Sergeant I. McMahon who, although wounded, succeeded in following and killing one robber; I. P. C. B. 323 Abdulah who caught and overpowered one of the robbers, as did also, I. P. C. B. 382 Mohamed Ashgar, who was severely wounded; also I. P. C. 62 Wong Hin and I. P. C. 446 Lui Tung, of whom the latter was severely wounded while attempting to arrest one of the robbers; also I. P. C. 196 Tsang Tak who, though unarmed attempted to intercept one of the fleeing robbers at the time when his companion C. C. 596 Wan Wong-chi was killed. It is particularly satisfactory to note that on this occasion members of the European, Indian and Chinese contingents alike distinguished themselves.

The Wing Lok Street affray shows how necessary it is that the Hongkong Police should be good revolver shots and I am glad to say that the standard of proficiency in this respect is steadily improving and that the training has been made more practical. Snaphooting and firing at moving objects has largely replaced the old system of deliberate firing at stationary targets.

Congratulations.

I congratulate the Criminal Investigation Department on the good work done by them last year, and especially on the very satisfactory information which they supplied concerning Bias Bay pirates. The recapture of the S. S. Irene was made possible by the accuracy of their information; and detected as well as all Police who took part in the two Bias Bay expeditions did good service. Another fine piece of work done last year by the Criminal Investigation Department was the arrest and conviction of the footpads who murdered Mrs. Mackay.

I observe with much pleasure that a large number of constables and practically all the Europeans in the Police Force are now qualified in first aid, and that this subject is part of the regular curriculum for recruits of all nationalities at the Police Training School. Regular examinations are conducted under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the number of Indians and Chinese who have qualified is steadily increasing.

Study of Chinese.

It is also very satisfactory to note the considerable progress made in the study of Chinese, particularly by the European contingent, most members of which have now got a working knowledge of Cantonese. In the Indian contingent practically all constables with two or more years' service can speak a little Cantonese and quite a fair proportion can speak English. The members of the Cantonese contingent should do more to make themselves proficient in English, and I regret that very few Cantonese

take up English as a special subject. I hope this defect will be overcome. The Weihaiwei contingent has, I am glad to say, quite a number of men who hold Cantonese certificates and a fair sprinkling of men who hold English certificates.

The special constables enrolled in 1925 have continued on the enrolment list up to date, because of the unsettled condition of the adjoining provinces of China. For this reason it was considered advisable last year to form a Police Reserve on lines somewhat similar to those adopted during the Great War. The Police Reserve Ordinance was, therefore, amended and four contingents were enrolled. These contingents consisted of men who wished to learn more of Police work, so that they might be proficient as an auxiliary force to the Police.

The Chinese Company.

Thanks to Dr. S. W. Ta'o and Mr. Mow Ping, a Chinese company, 80 strong, has been formed; and an Indian company was formed by Mr. Sirdar Khan with the assistance of Mr. Bishan Singh, numbering close on 50 men. The Flying Squad, consisting originally of special constables, had done valuable service during 1926 and 1927. It has now been reconstituted as a special unit of the Police Reserve. Finally, just before the end of last year a Sharpshooters' Company was formed under the leadership of Mr. Dovey. The total Police Reserve is just under 200 strong. Commander G. B. Hartford, D. S. O., R.N., kindly consented during last year to take up duty as Deputy Superintendent in Command of the Police Reserve, and it is to his energy and hard work that the successful organization of the Police Reserve is mainly due. I much regret that he had to sever his connection with the Police Reserve on leaving the Colony a few weeks ago.

Mr. Wolfe's Work.

His Majesty the King was graciously pleased on New Year's Day to appoint you, Mr. Wolfe, to be a Companion of the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George. You had on that day completed eight years' service in the arduous post of Captain Superintendent of Police. The force under your command has an establishment of ten European officers and its rank and file is composed of 235 Europeans, 73 Indians and 946 Chinese. You are also Head of the Fire Brigade which has a personnel of 271 men, and you are in control of the Police Training School in which are about 30 men. Your administration of this large force has been conspicuously successful; and your services were particularly valuable to the Colony in the crisis of 1922 as well as in the long-drawn-out troubles and anxieties which began in June, 1925. I congratulate you very sincerely on the honour which you have earned so well.

The King's Police Medal has been awarded to Sub-Inspector K. W. Andrew. This officer was responsible for the disposition of the Police which foiled an attempted armed robbery at Kwai Chung, Gin Drinkers Bay, on the 2nd December, 1926. He was eminently successful, as out of nine robbers four were killed and four were captured. Sub-Inspector Andrew himself was twice fired at by the leader of the gang at point blank range. Fortunately the rounds were defective and missed their mark. Sub-Inspector Andrew in turn fired and shot the robber leader dead. It has been a great pleasure to me today to invest Sub-Inspector Andrew with this medal.

The Late Mr. Gerrard.

The recent death of Mr. William George Gerrard, Assistant Superintendent of Police, while on leave of absence, was a cause of grief to the Police Force and to the Colony. Mr. Gerrard joined the Police Force in February, 1898. He soon distinguished himself, for in 1901 he was granted the 4th class Police medal for extraordinary services in the New Territory. In 1918 he won the 3rd class Police medal for good work as Inspector in charge of Yau-mat division. In 1920 he became Principal of the Police Training School; and ever since 1924 he had been Assistant Superintendent of Police for the New Territory, a post which he

CONTRACTOR'S CLAIM.

ROOFING PING SHAN POLICE
STATION.

In the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice Wood, Choy Kit-kee, 241 Temple Street, Yau-mat, sued Hong Pansang, trading as the Shanghai Company, 19 Tai Wo Street, ground floor, building contractor, for \$409.78 being balance due for work done and materials supplied in respect of Ping Shan Police Station. The parties appeared in person.

It appeared that an original contractor had secured the work from the Government and had given it to the Shanghai Company who, in turn, had sub-let it to be the plaintiff. The work was putting a new roof on the police station and tarring it, remuneration to be at the rate of \$50 per 100 square feet.

Plaintiff claimed that he had put the measurements, representing his claim, in a book and the defendant had signed them.

The defendant admitted this but said the measurements were put in the book before the work was begun and, after he had signed them, he found that they were wrong.

His Lordship, after making a calculation gave judgment for the plaintiff for \$232.32, but this the plaintiff refused to accept.

The case was then adjourned until Friday for the figures to be again checked.

held continuously during a period of great anxiety until he went on leave in January last. He was awarded the King's Police Medal in 1926 for prolonged service distinguished by very exceptional ability and merit. Mr. Gerrard's death is a great loss to Hongkong and especially to the villagers of the New Territories, who held him in the highest regard, and whose interests he cared for with unflinching energy. Many on parade to-day, and I among them, mourn him as a personal friend. He has set a fine example to all of us.

The Hongkong Police Force has during 1927 fully maintained its high traditions. It deserves well of the Colony; and on behalf of the Colony I thank you, one and all, for good and faithful service done and I wish you every success in the future.

The Awards.

The awards made by His Excellency the Governor was as follows:

King's Police Medal.—Sub-Inspector K. W. Andrew.

2nd Class Medals.—Acting A. S. P. W. Kent and Sub. Insp. D. W. Barnett.

3rd Class Medals.—Inspector P. Grant and Sgt. T. McMahon.

4th Class Medals.—Inspector H. J. Paterson, Inspector H. E. Marks, Inspector E. Bloor, Sub-Inspector A. J. W. Dorling.

H. E.'s Commendation.—Inspector R. Lanigan, Actg. Sub. Insp. C. Fallon.

3rd Class Medals.—Sub-Insp. Miran Baxsh, Sub-Insp. Nand Singh and P. C. Abdullah.

4th Class Medals.—Sgt. Major Niamat Khan, Sirdar Ali Khan, P. C. Mohamed Ashgar.

2nd Class Medal.—Inspector Chu Heung.

3rd Class Medal.—P. C. Wong Hin.

4th Class Medals.—Insp. Ng Muk, Sgt. Major Kwong Tin-kan, P. C. Lo Wong, Det. C. C. Chan Tim, and Det. Ng Fk.

H. E.'s Commendation.—Constables Tsang Tak and Ng Chau.

1st Class District Watch Force Medal.—D. W. Li Ping, Assist. Head D. W. Chan Kam, Assist. Head D. W. Kee Shui, D. W. Chak Hung, D. W. Wan Shin, D. W. Fung Po, and D. W. Chan Charn.

2nd Class District Watch Force Medal.—Head D. W. Lo Yat, D. W. Li Yau and D. W. Li Wah.

3rd Class Watch Force Medal.—D. W. Chan Yat, D. W. Wong Yu and D. W. Chan Tsung.

The Hon. Capt. Superintendent of Police awarded Commended Service Badges to the following Police Reservists:—Hwang Hong-yeck, Harry Loo, Ow Young King, Henry T. C. Woo, Tso Tsin-on, Tsui Tony, Razal Mohamed, B. C. Randall, Harry Kong, Robert Young, Lo Shiu-wa, J. Kotewall and H. Kew.



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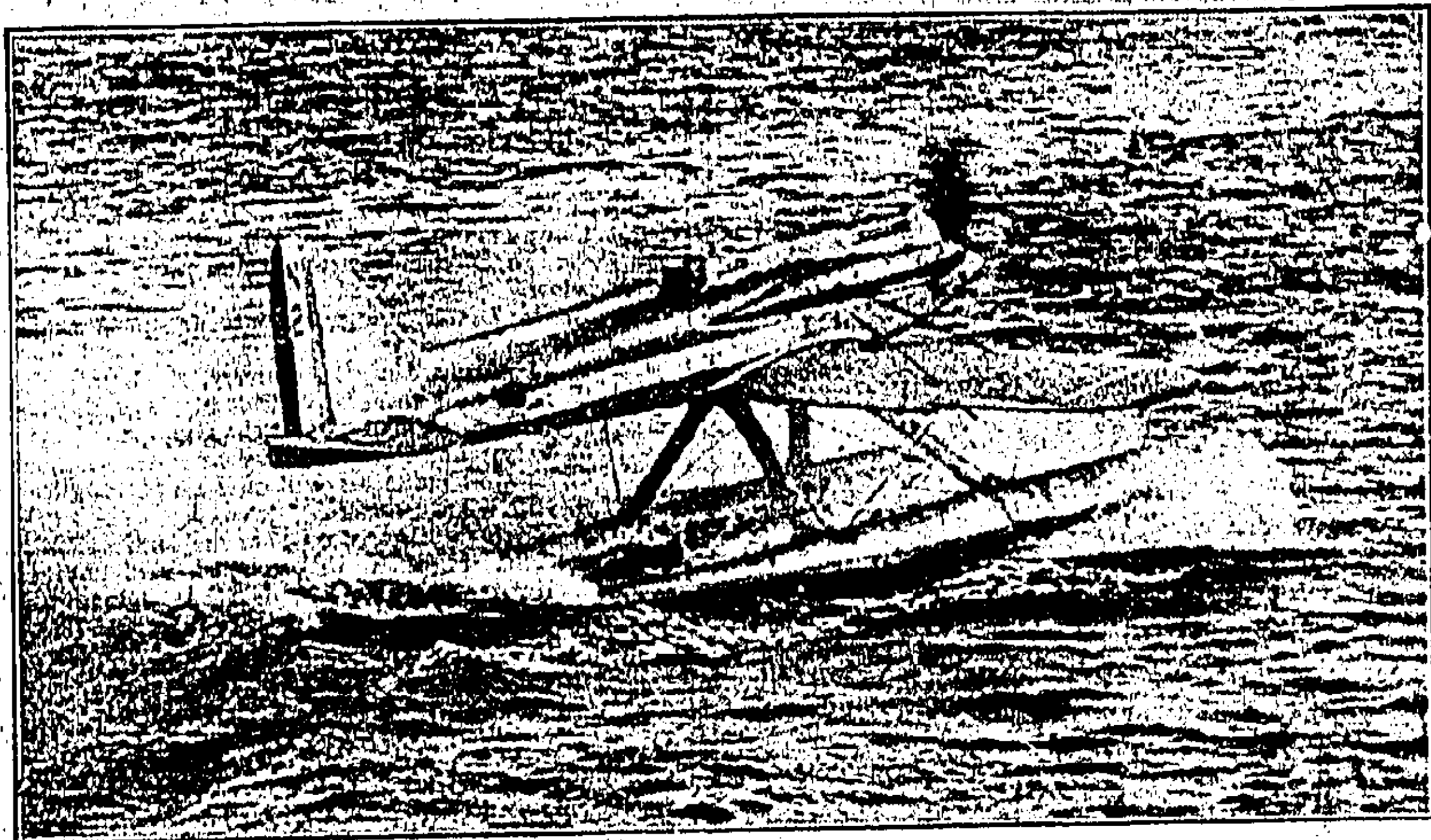
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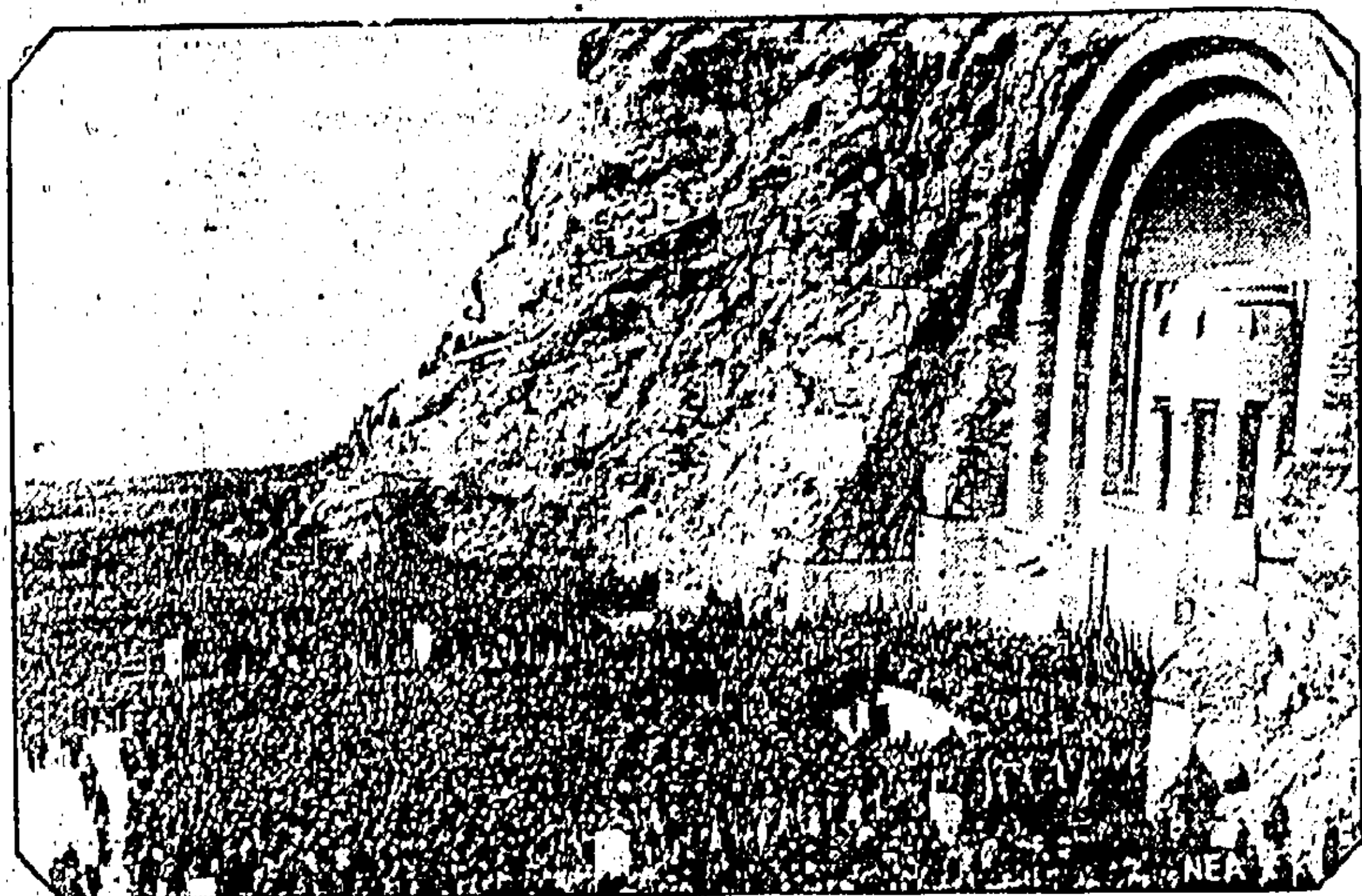
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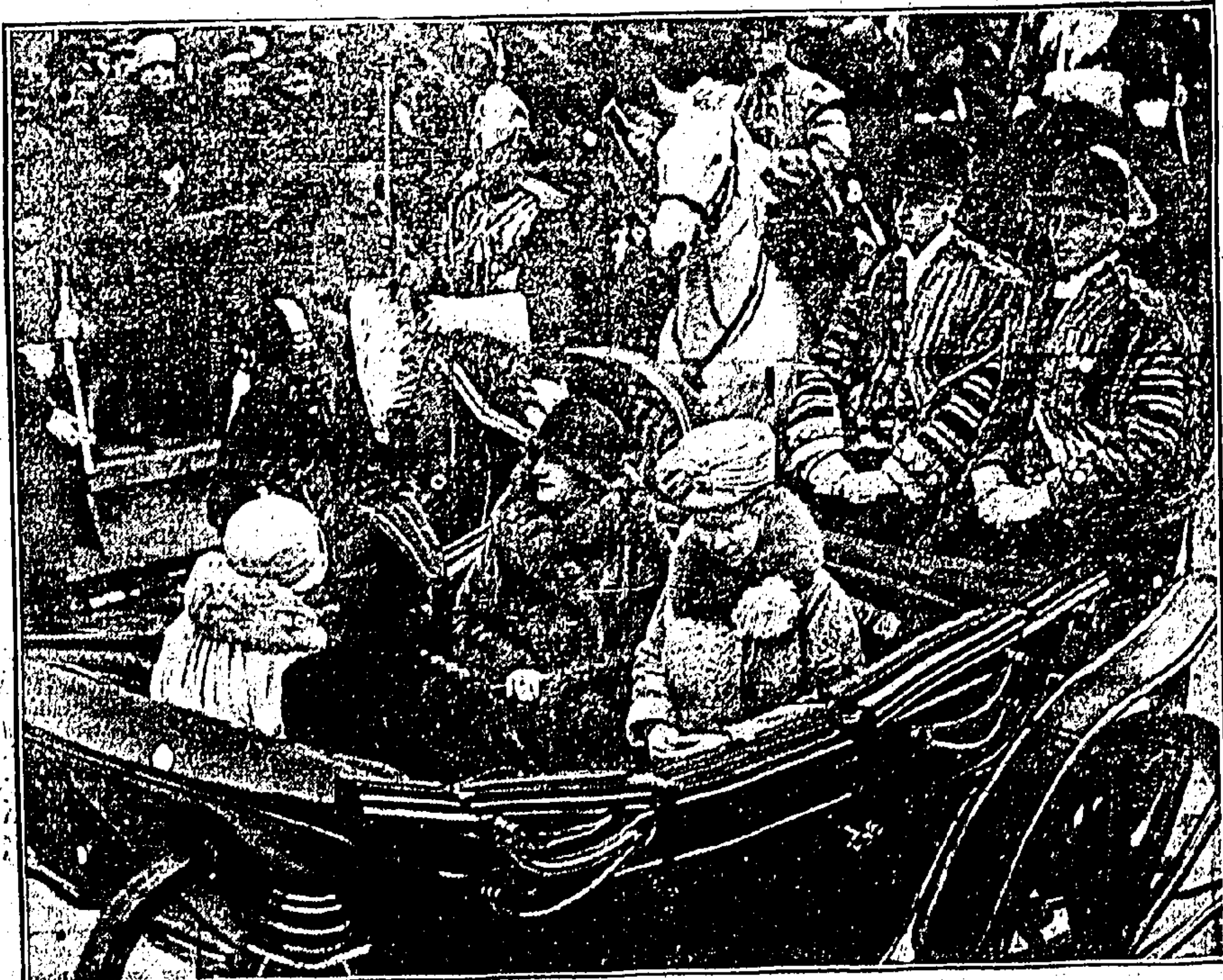
A photograph of the Supermarine Napier S.5, in which Flight Lieutenant Kinkhead was killed during an attempt to set up a new world's air speed "record." (Times copyright).



A comprehensive view of France's new war memorial in a rocky mountain-side at Nice and of the throng which attended the unveiling ceremonies. Marshal Foch dedicated it.



The King and Queen of Afghanistan, arrived in England on a State visit on March 13. A picture taken on arrival at Dover, showing the King of Afghanistan inspecting the Guard of Honour of the 1st Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment. H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, who welcomed the Afghan Monarch, is seen following. (Times copyright).



Queen Mary and the Queen of Afghanistan driving in the procession from Victoria Station to Buckingham Palace. The Duchess of York and Prince Henry are seen seated opposite them. (Times copyright).



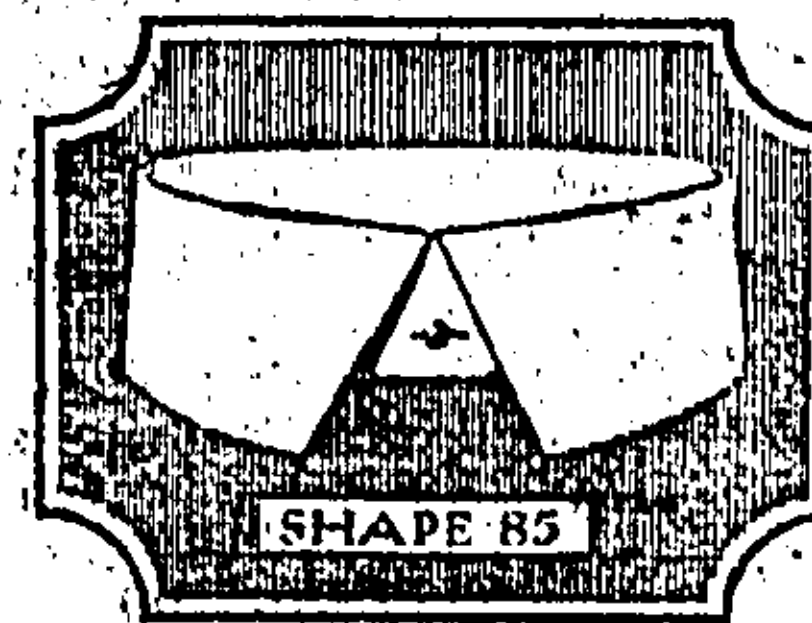
Flight-Lieutenant Kinkhead was killed on March 12, in the seaplane crash. (Times copyright).



Peggy Burns, former model, has fallen heir to the sum of \$500,000, Philadelphia heard the other day. The money was said to have come to her from her grandfather.



Here's one companionate marriage that has proved a success, according to the principals, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. Kinsey. Mrs. Kinsey says that the recent companionate ceremony soon will be followed by a "regular" ceremony.



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QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"THE GAY RETREAT" ON
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The two absurdly funny marines, Ted McNamara and Sammy Cohen, who furnished the comedy relief in "What Price Glory," are to be seen at the Queen's Theatre to-day in their own big comedy, "The Gay Retreat," an exhilarating production specially written for them by a leading American humorist.

"The Gay Retreat" is something entirely new in the way of war comedies. Developed along logical lines, the story concerns the adventures of McNamara and Cohen as a valet and chauffeur who have joined the Army to look after their former master, a millionaire's son, addicted to sleep-walking. Trouble starts for the three at the very outset and from that time on their military life consists of jumping out of the frying pan into the fire and back into the frying pan again. Besides being checkful of laughs, "The Gay Retreat" offers a charming romance, plenty of suspense and numerous thrills. Gene Gammon, a new comedian, plays the role of the millionaire's son, Judy King is a charming French girl, and Betty Francisco is a pretty ambulance driver.

The City Corporation has fixed a retiring allowance to Sir William Soulsby, private secretary to Lord Mayors of London since 1875, at £1,000 a year when he desires to retire. Sir William Soulsby told a Pressman that he had no desire to retire. "In fact," he added, "I'm not going to retire. I'm going to die in harness."

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

The Newest Waltz.

NEW HESITATION STEPS.

[BY SANTOS CASANI.]

Highly interesting are this season's developments of the waltz. It is startlingly new, yet still the old dance.

The waltz has a remarkably classic rhythm. Fifty years ago, couples whizzed round and round until they nearly dropped with giddiness, at about 60 bars to the minute. To-day they do sweeping, graceful turns and hesitations at from 44 to 48 bars to the minute. Yet the rhythm is the same. The fundamentals of three beats to the bar, the first strongly accented by a long step and the other two marked by short steps, are unaltered; for the hesitations do not break up the rhythm. They bring it out more clearly by contrast. The old waltz on the toes was infinitely fatiguing and the rotations sadly monotonous. To-day we have easy movements on the ball of the foot and great variety.

But it is the variations which make this season's waltz really new. There are a good many, but the most usual are the outside and the Boston hesitations.

The provinces have always been a stronghold of the waltz, and I am always delighted when I fulfill engagements out of London to see how high a standard is reached in this dance. The hesitations will give the dance a new lease of life in the provinces, and by the end of this season every winning couple in a waltz competition will probably have to show the judges that they can do one or more of these movements easily and gracefully. There is no denying the fact that the hesitations are a test of good balance. They are not easy to do well.

For the outside hesitation the man steps outside his partner's tracks, and the first half of the left hand turn is executed. Then comes the hesitation followed by the second half of the right-hand turn.

The other hesitation is based on the old Boston dance so popular seven or eight years ago, but it also comprises an element of the fascinating Scissors step of the tango, and is sometimes called the Scissors hesitation for this reason.

It is done from the left-hand turn and starts with two steps, which the man does to the outside of his partner. The first is with the left foot, and the second with the right, and there is a close after each. Also each step takes up three beats or a whole bar of the music. Then come four Scissors steps that is, long steps done at right angles with the line of dance first to one side and then to the other. The movement is finished with the second half of the right-hand turn running into the second half of the left-hand turn.

Now that we have these authorized variations in the waltz, there is no longer the temptation to dance across time that there was last season for the sake of avoiding monotony. This year's dance is more continuous in its movements, and there is a greater insistence on strict time.

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FURNISHING A GIRL'S ROOM.

The fashion to-day of furnishing a girl's room when she leaves school as a bed-sitting room adds considerably to its interest, and many new ideas in "combined" furniture have been designed for the purpose. Most ingenious of these is the bed itself, a simple affair of a mattress upon short wooden legs, which, during the

day, covered with a gay "spread," figures as a settee, the pillows slipped into loose cases becoming cushions.

Here the old-fashioned "suite" is unsuitable. The necessary wardrobe may be a thing of beauty, or just a cupboard, painted ivory, and the dressing table, a small chest of drawers of the right height to hold a quaintly shaped mirror. As it will be a room, where the owner will receive her friends, and follow her own pursuits, its day-time aspect is all-important, and in view of this a bureau, a "gate" table, and a couple of big chairs must be added. Happy the girl who can indulge her artistic tastes and purchase exactly what she wants, but her less fortunate sister can achieve quite as satisfactory results on inexpensive lines with painted furniture, and deep wicker chairs complete with pretty cushions.

Space being invariably limited, each room should be carefully studied. Book-shelves will fit into crannies and fill in any convenient bit of wall, appearing in narrow slips on either side of the fireplace, while an ottoman cover-

Married Bore.

[By Walter M. Gallichan.]

"Can a woman love a bore?" The man who asked me this question has just discovered that he bores his wife. He sings before breakfast.

I have known very few persons who burst into song upon rising in the morning. I asked one woman why she sang at 7.30 a.m. She replied: "If I can't sing I would cry."

The married bore is sometimes a most kindly, well-meaning person. But he or she may engender more aversion than a bully or a tormalant. I know a woman who left her husband because he bored her by wearing a shawl across his shoulders while he sat by the fire. He had a morbid fear of draughts.

"He was a good man," said his wife. "But that shawl!" It is quite easy to take sides and to say to this errant wife: "What more do you want than a good man? You should overlook the shawl fad."



Just take a look at this futuristic zoo that adorns the animal hat of Nancy Carroll, Hollywood actress. Nancy calls it the latest for spring.

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Colour schemes are always fascinating and the present feeling for plain walls and carpets permits of a riot of fancy in hangings and covers. With buff or dull blue discounter any bright shade of rose, jade, or purple exerts a tonic effect with charming effect. In putting the finishing touches remember the day of overcrowding is past.

Useless knick-knacks and ornaments now recognised as mere dust-collectors have disappeared, and instead are plainly framed photographs and one or two pieces of decorative pottery to hold flowers.

Welcome additions would be a gas or electric fire, a corner cupboard containing a dainty ten-

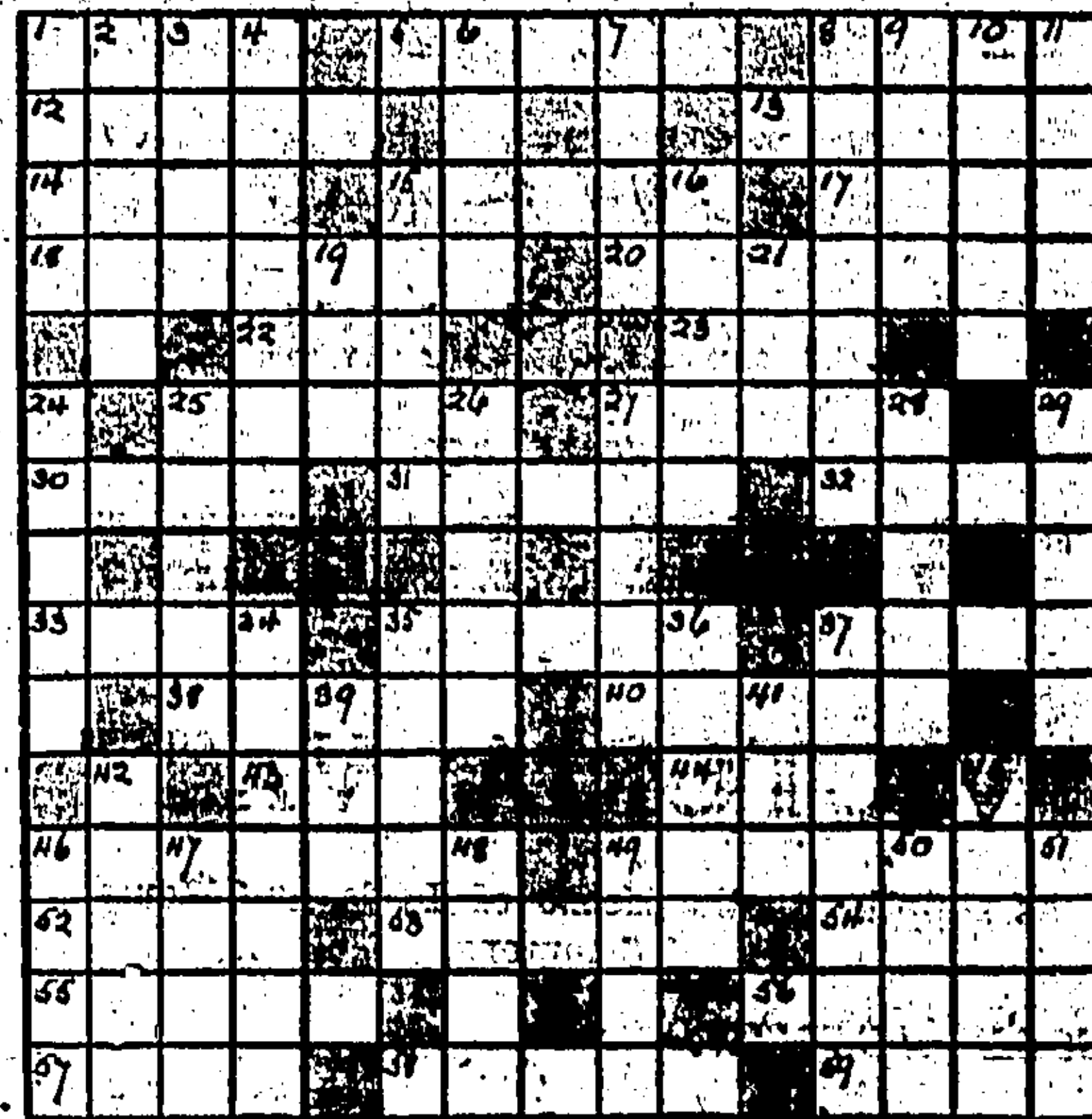
I have questioned three wives on this point. Number One said: "She has my full sympathy. Number Two remarked: 'I am sorry for both of them, poor things!' And Number Three observed: 'I think she ought to have been more patient.'"

Pursuing the inquiry: "Could you love a bore?" I asked a very modern young woman for a frank answer. "Emphatically and absolutely 'No,'" was the reply. "I could forgive anything in the man I loved, except boring me. No woman ever loved a bore."

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 13. Denden.
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 15. Whore.
 16. Larger of the two bones of the forearm.
 17. Plants of the genus Alnus.
 18. Dress.
 19. Presented.
 20. Behind.
 21. Elevated platform.
 22. Winged.
 23. Begin.
 24. Small shallow vessel.
 25. Sloping banks.
 26. Turkish officer.
 27. Repulse.
 28. Simple.
 29. Drills.
 30. Short descriptive poem.
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1928.

OUR POLICE FORCE.

"Faithful and efficient service rendered under very trying conditions." These were the words employed by H. E. the Governor last evening in congratulating the Hongkong Police Force on its record for the past year. The tribute thus expressed is one which we are sure the whole Colony will re-echo. Even in normal times, the police here have an arduous and trying life, attended with considerable risk, but during the past few years their lot has been an even less enviable one, for, despite all that has been done to keep criminals and dangerous characters out of the Colony, many desperadoes have found their way in. This circumstance has called for special vigilance, and, what is more, it has immensely increased the dangers to which the protectors of law and order have been exposed. It is well, therefore, that there should be some public recognition of the part our police play, and such an occasion was presented yesterday, when the annual inspection of the Force gave the community an opportunity of seeing what a fine body of men this Colony is able to rely on in times of stress and trouble.

Some of the incidents of the past year which were mentioned by His Excellency in his address last night served to remind the public of the hazardous calling of our police. Special reference was made to the Wing Lok Street shooting affray, a gratifying feature of which was the fact that European, Indian and Chinese members of the Force alike distinguished themselves. That affair, and others mentioned, illustrates the very real dangers which our police run in the execution of their duty, and the Colony is proud to think that, however, great those risks may be, its police may be always relied upon to face them when the call comes. Another point stressed by Sir Cecil Clementi was the additional work thrown on the Force as a con-

sequence of the big influx of Chinese into the Colony last year. The Criminal Investigation Department, which, under Mr. King, has done such excellent work, was especially singled out for mention in this connection. It is true, as His Excellency took occasion to point out, that the ready manner in which Chinese from adjacent territory flock into this Colony, in time of trouble, is a compliment to our police, for it betokens a recognition of the point that they can here feel sure of due and adequate protection. That is a fact which the critics of so-called "Imperialism" conveniently ignore. It is a pointed illustration of the truth that a far greater measure of safety is assured to Chinese under foreign jurisdiction than can as yet be guaranteed anywhere in their own country.

We should like to add our own tribute to that of H. E. the Governor regarding the "conspicuously successful" administrative work of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe as Captain Superintendent of Police. Mr. Wolfe has been head of the Police Force for more than eight years now—a period which has, by reason of recurrent unrest, been marked by ever-growing responsibilities. With more than two thousand officers and men under his command, he has a task which few would envy. Under his capable and tactful control, the Force has grown in power and efficiency, and it is fitting that the tremendous amount of work which he has put into its organisation should be acknowledged. He has proved himself the right man in the right place.

Piracy and its Prevention.

Definite proof was forthcoming yesterday that however severe a blow the Bias Bay pirates suffered in the Irene affair, the lesson taught them has not had the effect of making them abandon their activities on the high seas. While the Hsin Wah was not actually taken into Bias Bay, the point where the pirates landed is sufficiently close to associate them with the gang which has made a practice of piratical attacks for several years. It may be assumed that Bias Bay was not chosen as the place of departure from the pirated vessel owing to the risk of detection in that vicinity. The Hsin Wah piracy affords a pleasing feature in that a Chinese gunboat landed a party of sailors and made a determined effort to locate the pirates. Admittedly, they were unsuccessful, but there can be no doubt that a genuine attempt was made to catch the pirates with their loot. At the same time comes news that the Chinese authorities on the West River have taken action against pirates in the vicinity of Taipingsha, the measures adopted being similar to those when the British Naval authorities destroyed villages in the Bias Bay district. This is an earnest of the Chinese authorities' desire to combat the piracy menace, and it is not too much to ask that in addition to action on the West River they should also devote their attention to the Bias Bay area. The British authorities here have on numerous occasions expressed their willingness to co-operate with the Chinese in anti-piracy work and we presume that the offer still holds good at the present time. It is not, therefore, too much to hope that in the near future the two Governments will co-operate in a most determined attempt to rid the China Coast of pirates who have flourished far too long. The Hsin Wah incident proves striking confirmation of the fact that the pirates are not beaten. Joint effort on the right lines will dispose of the risks to which not only foreign but Chinese steamers are exposed on their voyages along the China Coast.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Apr. 17.
Paris	124
New York	488 5/10
Brussels	34.95
Geneva	25.33
Amsterdam	12.10 1/4
Milan	92.50
Berlin	20.42
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.24
Vladivostok	34.72 1/4
Prague	104 1/4
Helsingfors	104 1/4
Madrid	5
Lisbon	2 1/2
Athens	372 1/4
Bucharest	780 1/4
Rio	5.58/84
Bombay	47 1/2/10
Calcutta	1/5 1/2/82
Shanghai	2/6 1/2
Hongkong	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/15 1/2/82
Silver (spot and forward)	20 1/2

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

WE ARE SENT INTO THIS WORLD TO MAKE IT BETTER AND HAPPIER, AND IN PROPORTION AS WE DO WE MAKE OURSELVES BOTH.—Dr. Geikie.

The B.I. s.s. Hatipara, from Singapore, is due here on the 22nd instant.

The Empress of Asia, which left Hongkong on the 28th March, arrived at Vancouver on the 15th instant.

Yesterday's health report shows one case each of small-pox, diphtheria and typhoid. The latter was Portuguese and the others Chinese.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. J. H. Bottomley, architect, The Blarney Stone, Hongkong, to Miss M. V. Rhodes, Wrore View, Baldon, Yorkshire, England.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and 23 departures, leaving 37 vessels in harbour of which 74 were British. Tonnage showed a slump, while through cargoes were particularly poor.

Hongkong is shortly to have a real musical treat, for Messrs. Moutrie and Co. inform us that Jacques Thibaud, the famous French violinist, is to give a concert here on June 16th. Further details will be announced later.

With reference to the conviction of a coal coolie at the Kowloon Magistracy on Monday for larceny of twenty fathoms of Manila rope from the Hakusan Maru, we are informed that the man was not employed by the Wharf and Godown Company or on the Company's premises.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Bibliotheque Francaise (French Library) in Hongkong, was held at the French Consulate last evening. The Hon. President, M. Dufau de la Prade, took the chair and in commenting on the steady expansion of the library, dwelt on the fact that within two years, the number of books had increased from 500 to 1,250. They included works from past and contemporary French authors. The financial position was submitted, and reported as being satisfactory. The new committee was appointed, the Consul being re-elected Hon. President.

MARSHAL LI REACHES CANTON.

ATTENDS BRIEF MILITARY CONFERENCE.

An overnight telegram from Canton states that Marshal Li Chai-sun, General Chang Ming-shu, Admiral Chan Chat, Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, General Hu King-tof, Mr. Lai Man-yam and others arrived there by the Canton-Kowloon Railway express at seven o'clock last evening.

Immediately on his arrival, the Marshal entered a motor car and proceeded to Military Headquarters, where a brief military conference was held.

After the conference, Marshal Li went to his private residence on the Man Tak Road.

INTERESTING LEGAL POINT.

SERVANTS' QUARTERS MIGHT BE REGISTERED.

Chan Fung-kai, a pig-dealer, was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day for keeping a boarding-house without a license at 211-215 Des Voeux Road West. Stating that the premises were used for the accommodation of employees, Mr. C. A. S. Russ who appeared for the defence, argued that the Ordinance order under which the summons was brought, was defective in meaning. It would appear to him that every Californian merchant's shop was brought within the scope of the Ordinance whereas it was not intended to be.

Regarding the definition of a boarding-house in Ordinance No. 1, of 1908, as "a place where employees lodge their employees of either sex and of whatever occupation," Mr. Lindsell agreed that it looked as if servants' quarters attached to every private house was to be registered.

It was stated that the fee required of boarding-houses under that class was only two dollars a year.

Mr. Russ opposed an application for adjournment, on the ground that this would entail additional legal expense for the defendant. A nominal fine of \$2 was imposed.

MANY BOUND FOR HOME.

TO-DAY'S BIG EXODUS FROM COLONY.

There was a large exodus of Hongkong people for Home by the Empress of Canada and the Blue Funnel liner Sarpedon, which sailed to-day.

The Empress boat was packed with passengers, these including Lady Chater, Sir Elly Kadoorie, Bishop and Mrs. Duppuy, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. J. Scott Harston, the Rev. C. I. Blanchett, Lieut.-Col. L. Cook, Lieut.-Col. R. G. Clarke, Col. and Mrs. E. A. Hickman, Col. and Mrs. T. A. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. I. Geare, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. King Baker, Mrs. K. M. Fetterly, Mrs. H. K. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyde, Mr. W. Hyde, Miss M. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. D. Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. May, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Parker, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mr. W. J. Hawker, Mr. H. W. Ray, Mr. H. J. Brett, Mr. E. D. Bush, Mr. W. G. Bell and Mr. Whitey Smith.

Among the passengers who left by the s.s. Sarpedon were Capt. and Mrs. E. Knudsen, Mrs. W. B. Cornaby and two children, Mrs. Eric Grimble and two children, Mrs. A. W. Hayward and two children, Mrs. L. G. S. Dodwell and three children, Mrs. Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens, Miss N. W. Bascombe, Miss D. Dunnet, Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd, Mr. A. H. Penn, Mr. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. L. Jack, Mr. W. G. Clark, Mr. G. H. Wilson, Mr. D. S. Wylie, Mr. Somers Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Robinson and two children. Mr. A. E. Atkins, Mr. R. W. Williamson, and Mr. D. Abbey.

BIG BLAZE IN COLOMBO.

MUCH DAMAGE WHEN STORE BURNS.

Damage estimated at 85,000 rupees was caused in a fire which broke out recently at a fibre store, belonging to Messrs. C. S. Mitchell and Co., in Layard's Broadway, Colombo.

The fire was noticed by neighbours, who raised the alarm. The fire brigade received a call at 3.18 a.m. and immediately proceeded to the scene.

A watcher, who was sleeping in the outer office of the store awoke only when he heard shouts and made his escape through a window.

When the Brigade, comprising two engines, manned by 20 men, arrived on the scene within two minutes of receiving the call, the flames had spread rapidly and the whole building was already ablaze.

In their efforts to check the outbreak, several officers and men, including Superintendent Lamsay, sustained injuries. They had to climb the roof of the building to start operations, and, in doing so, some of them fell, receiving bruises and cuts.

The Brigade succeeded in preventing its spreading to the adjoining buildings, but 200 bales of fibre, machinery and practically the whole of the store were demolished. Most of the building collapsed.

At the time of the outbreak the store was unoccupied with the exception of the watcher.

The origin of the fire has not been traced.

Mr. J. D. Aitken, Superintendent of Police, accompanied by Mr. G. de Saram, A.S.P., a sub-inspector and 50 constables arrived on the scene shortly after the Fire Brigade, and assisted materially by controlling the huge crowd attracted by the conflagration, which was one of the biggest in Colombo for many years.

"LOVE'S BLINDNESS."

ELINOR GLYN FILM AT THE WORLD.

"Love's Blindness," an Elinor Glyn story, is being screened at the World Theatre at present, and it is a capital picture. It concerns an Earl who married a wealthy money-lender's daughter in order to secure relief from financial embarrassment, and the intrigue and misunderstandings which follow until love comes into its own. It is a typical Elinor Glyn tale, but is noteworthy for some fine settings and really excellent acting. The leading roles are taken by Pauline Starke and Antonio Moreno, who are backed up by a very strong cast.

An interesting news reel and a good comic make up a good all-round programme well worth seeing.

Despite opposition from brow-

The Very Idea!

And what did you learn this morning?" asked a fond parent of a little girl who had attended Sunday school for the first time.

"That I am a child of Satan," came the cheerful reply.

A buxom young woman who answered a judgment summons at Clerkenwell County Court recently said her means were 25s. a week. She lived at a public house, where she paid 12s. 6d. a week for one room.

The judge: Who pays for your meals?—My employer gives me my lunch.

Who pays for your breakfast?—I don't eat breakfast.

Who pays for your dinner?—I don't eat dinner.

You are a mystery. A young woman in good health living on one meal a day. Perhaps you drink a great deal of milk?—I do. How much is your milk bill?—I have half a pint of milk when I think I will.

The judge: I make no observation.

Policeman at Tottenham, in a case of drunkenness! He was running along the road, then he stopped, walked a little way, and fell down. Man: Yes, sir, I should have been all right if I had kept on running.

Wife at Tottenham: My husband hit me, but that does not matter. What I am complaining about is that he won't give me any money.

Judge: Cluer to a debtor at Shoreditch: What you a women's tailor, and at your prices cannot afford to pay £20! Astonishing!

An American musical journal once published the following advice to conductors, which is amusing enough to bear repeating. "Take lessons in swimming and carpet-beating. Confine your attention to your toilet—to cuffs, collars, gloves, and back hair; and always bear this in mind, your cuffs and shirt-front cannot be too much displayed. Tap vigorously on the desk and give a prolonged 'Hush' in all soft passages. It draws the attention of the audience from the music to the conductor. At the conclusion of each piece wipe your forehead, whether it needs it or not. Scowl occasionally on the man with the double-bass; and, directly the drummer comes in with his part, wave your left hand violently in his direction; it keeps down their vanity. If you wear long hair, throw it back by a graceful swing of the head at the end of all difficult passages, for it will remind the audience that all the merit is yours."

Small student of natural history (to elder sister)—"I say, Mabel, do hedgehogs lay eggs, or do they have kittens, like rabbits?"

It was Jacob's birthday, and his proud father decided to let his boy celebrate it in a novel way.

"For to-day, Jacob," he said, "my beautiful garden is free to you and all your little friends. Bring them all in, and tell them they can help themselves to anything except the grapes in the hot-house. Don't forget, my boy! Anything they like, except the grapes!"

Within a short time the garden was in the possession of a swarm of youngsters, and the father of Jacob beamed at them from the windows of his house. Then one boy invaded the forbidden hot-house, and the father followed him and caught him eating the treasured grapes.

"My boy!" cried Jacob's father, sternly. "You must not touch those grapes!"

The boy looked indignant. "And why can't I have some grapes?" he demanded. "I've paid my tuppence like the rest!"

The late Mr. Kidd early in his Court career was engaged in a prosecution against an owner of hens who was charged with allowing his fowls to trespass to the annoyance of a neighbour and destruction of his garden.

The Sheriff remarked that this was the first time the hens had been in the garden, and added, "Every dog is entitled to its first bite."

Quick came the retort, "Yes, my lord, but these hens have been in a 'scrape' before."

"What was George Washington noted for?" "His memory, sir."

"What makes you think his memory was so great?"

"They erected a monument to it."

J. F. Page, of Manchester, obtained a dual win in the British Ice Skating Championships (International style), at Manchester. He won the men's event, and with Miss E. Muckelt (Manchester), the pairs championships. The ladies' title went to Miss C. Wilson (Toronto).

"HSIN WAH" PIRACY DETAILS.

BOOTY VALUED AT \$20,000 TAKEN AWAY.

NO BULLION ABOARD.

When the pirated China Merchants steamer Hsin Wah berthed at the Company's wharf yesterday afternoon it was established from the shroff of the vessel that the loot taken from the Comptroller's department included \$89 in Hongkong Bank notes, \$340 in Shanghai notes, \$210 in Kwangtung coins, \$150 in Shanghai dollars and clothing belonging to members of his department to the value of about \$100, as well as about \$100 worth of money and jewellery.

The stolen cargo comprised about 16 cases of silk goods, each case weighing more than 100 pounds. The silk is estimated to be worth about \$10,000. Together with a large quantity of money and other personal effects taken from the passengers, it is estimated that the total of the booty taken amounted to about \$20,000.

Very illuminating statements were made regarding the outbreak of the trouble by the members of the Comptroller's Department, who spoke of a number of the pirate passengers rushing about the deck and then suddenly dashing up to the bridge and holding up the officers.

The pirates at once demanded to know where 30 cases of bullion had been stowed. They insisted that bullion belonging to a Sino-French savings bank in Shanghai had been placed on board and was not until all the invoices had been shown to the pirates that they were satisfied that there was no bullion on the vessel.

Two of the five passengers kidnapped were Mr. Lau and Mr. Lo, inspectors sent by the head office of the China Merchants Co. to Canton from Swatow to supervise the accounts of the branches. A third man is a Shanghai merchant, while another is a tailor of Wanchai, and the fifth a youngster, apparently a student.

The Shanghai merchant is a medicine dealer and is stated to have told the pirates that he had about \$10,000 worth of goods on board. The pirates were believed to have all boarded the ship at Swatow and although nothing was said direct it was understood that they intended going to Pinghoi as Blas Bay was too dangerous.

Official Version.

The following additional information in connexion with the piracy of the s.s. Hsin Wah is contained in an official police report:

Seventeen cases of silk, valued at \$12,000, were amongst the booty taken by the pirates.

Two travelling inspectors of the China Merchants Steamship Company, Lau Yee-ka, and Choi Yeung-chun were among the kidnapped passengers. The others are Lo Sun-leung, a native of Kiangsi, described as a medical man; Li Chih-ho, a native of Sam Shu and another Chinese, a native of Shanghai whose name is not available.

The pirates gained admission to the main deck when a quartermaster was returning after having sounded six bells. One of the pirates followed him up the ladder and when the gate was unlocked, pushed the quartermaster forward and seized the sailor in charge of the gate, dragging him to the well deck. In the meantime the other pirates swarmed the tween deck and took charge.

The pirates landed on the west of Sam Chau Inlet with personal effects stolen from the passengers and were seen to go in a north-westerly direction making apparently for Fan Lo Kwong.

The chief pirate is described as a man of 24 to 25 years of age. He was a thin and short man, dressed in dark woollen clothing, and spoke the Swatow and Cantonese dialects fluently.

MORE DOG-BITES.**SCHOOLBOY AND POSTMAN BITTEN.**

Two further reports of cases of dog-bites were made to the police yesterday.

In the first report, a schoolboy, thirteen years of age named Ernest Fowler, residing at No. 1, Great George Street, Causeway Bay, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital following an attack by a dog belonging to Mr. Forbes, residing at East Point. The animal was removed to Kennedy Town for observation.

A Chinese postman also reports that he was bitten at 3.30 p.m. on Monday whilst delivering letters in Sassoon Road by a white dog belonging to Mr. A. G. Hewitt. The dog ran out of its house and bit the postman on the knee and was later removed to Kennedy Town, whilst the postman was treated at the Government Civil Hospital.

GOLD STANDARD EFFECTS.**RELATION TO CREDIT FACILITIES.****INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE PRESENTS MEMORANDUM.****IMPORTANT POINTS.**

London, Apr. 17.

The first-fruits of the labours of the joint Industrial Conference of employers and Trade Union leaders, established in January, appear in a Memorandum communicated to the Chancellor of the Exchequer dealing with the effect of the Gold Standard on industry.

This declares that in view of expert fears with regard to the adequacy of the world's gold supply in the near future, and the prospect of a prolonged period of trade depression thereby opened up, it is essential that the elasticity of currency credit be so arranged that an industrial recovery will not be arrested by lack of credit facilities.

Gold Reserve Law.

The opinion is expressed in the Memorandum that under present conditions it is neither practicable or desirable that the country's credit policy should be determined more or less automatically by gold movements, as before the War, nor that the Bank of England should be so tied down by the Gold Reserve Law as to be unable fully to co-operate in the Genoa plan of 1922 for international co-operation in economising the use of gold, regulating the distribution thereof and preventing undue fluctuations in its value in terms of wealth.—*Reuter.*

Aims of Conference.

The epoch-making conference between a representative group of employers and the General Council of the Trade Union Council, with the object of promoting industrial peace, opened at Burlington House on January 12th.

Sir Alfred Mond explained that the employers were present in their individual capacity and that the conference was to consider general lines of policy. He reviewed the problems to be examined, including the better organisation of industry by means of amalgamations, the introduction of new methods, the transference or pensioning of displaced workers, the improvement of the security and status of the worker who should be given an interest in the business. He added that they could not expect to create heaven on earth, but if they could give Britain freedom from industrial disputes they would place the country, which had always been a leader in these matters, in the forefront.

Labour's Co-Operation.

Mr. Ben Turner emphasised the importance of finding a just and lasting solution of industrial problems and of putting the country on the highway of prosperity. Sir Alfred Mond announced that the employers had appointed a Committee of seven, with himself as Chairman, to facilitate the work, and Mr. Turner then intimated that the T. U. C. would appoint a similar Committee.

It was agreed that Sir Alfred Mond and Mr. Ben Turner should preside at the meetings alternately.

After a lengthy sitting on January 24th, the General Council of the Trade Union Congress officially stated that it had decided to continue the discussions with the employers and had authorised a committee, including Mr. Ben Turner, Mr. J. H. Thomas and Mr. Will Thorne, to confer with the employers.

The committee, was, by a substantial majority, in favour of continuing the discussions. Mr. A. J. Cook, claimed that six members of the Council were opposed to the continuance of discussions without a mandate from the Unions.

Mr. A. J. Cook, the miners' secretary, was the central figure in an exciting scene at the London School of Economics, when students tried to break up a meeting organised by the London University Labour party. Mr. Cook was in the middle of his speech when the lights went out and there were four deafening explosions and brilliant flashes, apparently from fireworks. Despite the darkness the inter-rupers were found and thrown out. When the lights were switched on Mr. Cook commented: "I suppose it was meant to frighten me. I have worked for 21 years underground; I have been in four mine explosions. You don't frighten me; you only discredit your college."

A goat at Thorington, Essex, has given birth to four kids. All are thriving.

EX-MAYOR ANNOYS PRESSMEN.**ACCUSATIONS IN SWATOW COURT.****OPENING OF TRIAL.**

Swatow, Apr. 17.
The new Mayor takes office today: He is Mr. Huang Khai-san.

The retiring Mayor, Mr. Shao Kwan-ying, has raised a hornets' nest about his cars. Some time ago he arrested on a civil charge the Chairman of one of the Press organisations, who had refused to obey the order of the Courts. The Press were indignant with the Mayor and took the matter up vigorously.

The Mayor suppressed an account of one of his meetings, which increased their annoyance. They have now secured the release of their colleague, and are bringing charges of wrongful imprisonment, and of acting *ultra vires*, against the Mayor.

The case came on in the courts on Saturday. The Mayor did not himself appear, but the Court held that that was at present unnecessary.

An outsider cannot hope to get to the bottom of this kind of a case, but it is said to have some connexion with differences within the Kuomintang, and with friction between Hakkas and Hokies in that body.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

CHINA SUGAR ANNUAL REPORT.**LAST YEAR'S LOSS ON WORKING.**

The report of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., for the year ended 31st December, 1927, states:

The net loss on the year's working amounts to \$1,189,295.69 after providing for depreciation on the usual scale and payment of interest and all other charges. The balance at debit of Profit and Loss Account thus stands at \$2,723,083.74 after bringing forward the debit of \$1,533,788.05 from the previous year.

Consulting Committee.—The present Committee consists of Mr. H. P. White, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, who offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, Incorporated Accountants.

In the course of their report, the auditors state:—In view of the impending extraordinary general meeting of shareholders to consider the financial position of the Company, we would draw the attention of shareholders to the fact that the land of the Company is included at book value, which is under present market value whereas machinery, stores, etc. are valued as for a going concern. Subject to the foregoing in our opinion the above balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

HOIFUNG SOVIET CAMP.**DOCTORS COMPELLED TO SERVE.****MEDICAL SUPPLIES SECURED FROM HONGKONG.****"REDS" RETREATING.**

Swatow, Apr. 17.

For a day or two after the retreating Ho-Luk Fung Communists fired on the Kit-yang launches at Kuan-pou, there was much speculation as to the route they would take. The city of Chao-chow-fu was in a state of much alarm on the report that they had crossed the river and threatened the railway line and the city.

However, the days have passed with no news of further developments, and it is now claimed that they have been headed off by the troops specially sent to attack the bandit stronghold in the Chimpou hills, and have gone north-west towards the Fung-shun district. In that case, they may get away to the north of the province.

There is no information yet as to how many have been killed or sent to the camps, and how many have survived to retreat; but casualties have been pretty heavy.

The Soviet Headquarters.

It is now possible to give some account of conditions at the headquarters in the Hoifung hills before the stronghold was evacuated.

At the base camp, there were some 400 wounded, tended by doctors compelled to serve with the forces. Medical supplies were bought in Hongkong by Communists, under the name of various dispensaries, and carried up to the base; and a certain amount of surgical work was done, too.

At first the base was at Yung-kiau, but was later moved further into the hills near the fastness of Ngam-shuk, to a tiny hamlet encircled by the hills. Here were several thousand of the Communists, including a large number of women and girls whose function was public speaking.

The Inner Circle.

Common meals were served for officers and men alike, and men and women were quartered together, in large matchless put up specially. The inner circle of the Soviet preserved strict secrecy as to plans and movements, and there seems to have been little or no leakage.

There were no Russians in this Soviet, though reports to that effect have been made. Many of the inner circle were, however, men from other provinces, such as Hunan.

When, owing to it appears to lack of ammunition, the fastness and base camp were evacuated, the leaders scattered, and while some, possibly Pang Kai himself, went with the now retreating army to the Hui-lai and adjacent districts, a number made their way to Hongkong, where doubtless they have posed as refugees.

Arrested in Hospital.

In the same way, some came up to Swatow among the refugees. Some were arrested in an inn here a few days ago, and two who (Continued on Page 8.)

THEFT OF STEAM GAUGE.**NINE MONTHS SENTENCE AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS.****OLD WOMAN'S PLEA.**

At the Criminal Sessions, which opened at the Supreme Court this morning before Mr. Justice Wood, Chan Ngau, alias Chan Mau, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour for stealing a steam gauge, the property of the Hongkong Excavation and Pile Driving Company, from No. 26, Connaught Road. The prisoner pleaded guilty.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, who prosecuted, said that the prisoner was seen in Yau-mati on March 16 trying to sell the gauge and he was taken to the Police Station on suspicion. There he admitted that he obtained the instrument from 26, Connaught Road. It was subsequently ascertained that the gauge had been stolen from that address. When charged before the magistrate the prisoner admitted the theft.

Previous Convictions.

There were previous convictions against the man, concluded Mr. Fitzroy, but they were not of a very serious nature.

His Lordship:—How long has he been out of prison?—He was discharged on October 27, 1926.

Replying to his Lordship, the prisoner said that after his discharge he was unemployed for several months when he was taken on by the Excavation Company and was employed until a week before he was arrested. He left because "the man who employed me was rather excited and rather expeditious my movements. He would not allow me to do the work, then I had to leave of my own accord."

An old woman who was in Court said she was a clansman of the prisoner and had the same surname. She had known him since he was born and he had lodged with her and paid her rent. She said she did not know much about him.

Woman's Plea.

His Lordship sentenced the prisoner to nine months' hard labour. On hearing the sentence the old woman exclaimed:—"Don't put him in prison, my Lord."

His Lordship:—Why not? The woman replied that he had an old mother to keep.

Murder Charge Date.

The Sessions will be continued to-morrow morning when Sung Wing will appear before Mr. Justice Wood on a charge of robbery by two or more.

The murder charge against Sudagar Singh, for the alleged murder of Jetta Singh at Lalchik, is down for hearing before the same Judge on April 23rd.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR PARSEES.**BIG GIFT BY BOMBAY PHILANTHROPIST.**

Bombay, Apr. 3.
Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Bart, the well-known philanthropist of Bombay, has donated a sum of 1,500,000 rupees for founding a public school for Parsee boys, which will be the first institution of its kind in this country.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 What well-known titled woman was eighty on her nineteenth birthday?
- 2 What country has the oldest national flag in the world?
- 3 What are the real names of George Robey and Harry Tate?
- 4 Where is "Tere" published a daily newspaper measuring six inches by twelve inches?
- 5 How many different kinds of mice are there?
- 6 What is the origin of the office of Gold Stick-in-Waiting as an attendant on the King?
- 7 What sea growths, popularly regarded as plants, are really animals?
- 8 What waste product is used for the manufacture of boards?
- 9 What noteworthy feat has recently been accomplished by a motor-omnibus?
- 10 Where in British waters are cy-clers found which measure from nine to twelve inches across?
- 11 How did Sir Frank Baines, the engineer, establish communication with a death-watch beetle?
- 12 Where is an iron ore the standard price for the purchase of a full-grown man?

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entered the hospital of the English Presbyterian Mission and attempted to conceal themselves among the patients were tracked down by the police.

One day last week "Red" circulars were scattered about Swatow, one of which fell into my hands. It was dated March 31st and described an alleged revolt of the men of the 5th Army at Waichow against their officers, who were said to have been murdered, and a Soviet to have been established. A similar movement was said to be taking place among the army on its march through the country to Swatow.

Needless to say, there is no truth in these inventions, and since to be found with these circulars would be sufficient to lead to a death sentence, one can only marvel at the temerity of those who distribute them.

The 5th Army, after its long march up from Waichow, is now arriving. General Hsu Kung-tang came in some days ago and was welcomed along the carefully-guarded streets with bursts of firecrackers. The official welcome to him and his Army is to be given to-morrow.

More Security.

His presence in his new combined offices of General of the 5th Army and officer in charge of the Eastern District gives more security to the local Government, and it seems unlikely that the Communists can raise another serious movement for the time being.

Doubtless in Hai-Luk Fung and neighbouring districts there remain pockets of peasant Communists, and much work remains to be done in clearing up the villages. But the armed forces, the remnants of the "Red" force which took Swatow last autumn, are now dispersed and out of the district, so that local Communists have less upon which to rely.

Refugees are now returning to the Hai-Luk Fung region. Special provision is being made for their journey back. Launches from here are to carry them at a dollar a head.

There will now remain the serious problem of the rehabilitation of the region. General Hsu and his officers coming through already saw its parlous state and have put out appeals for relief.—Our Own Correspondent.

REFUSES TO GRANT
A DIVORCE.HOTEL BILL EVIDENCE IS
NOT ENOUGH.

Lord Merville, the President of the Divorce Court, refused to grant a decree nisi "on the evidence of an hotel bill."

Mrs. Louise Elizabeth, Frances Aylward, of the Ladies' Army and Navy Club, St. James's-place, had sought a decree nisi dissolving her marriage with her husband, Cyril Bland Aylward, because of his alleged misconduct with a woman not named at a West-end hotel.

At the conclusion of the evidence Mrs. Bayford, K.C., submitted that Mrs. Aylward was entitled to a decree nisi. It had been proved by evidence, he said, that the husband and a woman not his wife had stayed together for the night at an hotel.

Mr. Bayford: The inference is that misconduct was committed. Lord Merville: I have said before that cases of this class are a reproach to the administration of justice in this division.

"The husband and wife here were in a good position," the judge went on, "and after four or five years of married life had some disagreements."

"Later the husband went to his wife and made proposals to her that she should assist him in procuring the dissolution of their marriage."

"He told her he was in love with another woman, gave the woman's name, and again suggested that his wife should help him in procuring the dissolution of the marriage."

"Then he sent the wife what might be called a formal letter, saying that he enclosed an hotel bill, which speaks for itself, seeing how things stand between us."

"The husband," Lord Merville continued, "is apparently a self-respecting man, and there is no indication that he was likely to commit misconduct with any chance woman."

"No doubt he stayed at the hotel with the object of a decree nisi, being obtained in this way."

"To my mind it is time that the practice of resorting to hotels in order to make out a prima facie case should be stopped."

He dismissed the case.

SMUGGLING LIQUOR TO
AMERICA.LEADER OF GANG POSES AS
A BARON.

An amazing story of how 500,000 casks of illicit liquor were smuggled out of Ireland to America was told to a correspondent in Dublin.

A powerful organisation was engaged in the traffic, in which it was said, English skippers owning their own ships took part.

High charges had to be paid for their services, in some cases as much as £10,000 for the captain, with a bonus of £500 for the crew each voyage.

In one instance it is stated that two steamers "by arrangement" were reported to have sunk, and were posted as missing.

"They were repainted and registered in fictitious ownership, and continued to ply their illicit trade until recently."

A party of these "bottleggers," who for some years have been tapping the spirituous resources of Europe, has just passed through Dublin on their way to America. They were very candid in their revelations regarding their activities on this side of the Atlantic.

"Subsidies."

Finding it necessary on their arrival in Ireland to give an impetus to the languishing industry of pot-still-making, they made a liberal distribution of subsidies.

Illicit stills and appliances for producing native whisky sprang up in many parts of the country, and even Dublin took a hand in the manufacture.

One of the leaders of the gang, although he was said to be the son of a poor artisan of Southern Ireland, posed as a German baron.

He was a chemist by profession, and a good linguist, speaking German, French and Italian, as well as being able to converse with the natives in Gaelic.

Improved methods which he suggested for the production of the whisky were readily adopted, so that the bootlegging brigade got all the "stuff" they required.

Inquisitive persons were hoodwinked by the story that members of the gang were exploring the minerals and bog wealth of the country.

Bottleggers' Aeroplanes.

The "Baron" carried specimens of ore in his pockets as proof of these assertions.

Vehicles were employed in the haulage of the tanks and cases of "Mountain dew" which were labelled as Irish-grown produce.

A regular cargo and passenger service of steamers was maintained by the gang between Ireland and America, skippers and crews of various nationalities being engaged.

In Chicago bootleggers utilised aeroplanes to facilitate illicit traffic, said the Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney in Glasgow recently.

The Mayor, "Big Bill" Thompson, had his house surrounded by an army of soldiers and anti-aircraft guns to protect himself from law-breakers, he added.

TINY GIRL'S SPEECH
TO THE QUEEN.SURPRISE VISIT PAID TO
CANNING TOWN.

Standing at the salute, a diminutive Brownie (a junior Girl Guide) presented a big basket of carnations to the Queen when her Majesty attended the annual meeting of the Canning Town Women's Settlement.

And the Brownie spoke out boldly: "Please will your Majesty accept these flowers? And we thank your Majesty for coming to see us." The Queen asked her age, and patted her hand.

To nearly all the members present the Queen's visit was so much a surprise that when she walked on to the platform they turned to each other in amazement, much to the Queen's amusement.

"Afterwards she had tea at the settlement, and before she left she inspected the 'kitchens,' welfare centre and other branches of the work."

The vicar of Scarborough, the Rev J. W. Capron, at a parochial church meeting, said he had received an envelope containing a cheque for £500, the 16th anniversary gift of £1,000 to the St. Columba Church Building Fund within five years. The debt had been reduced to £258. A little girl, he added, had given her savings for two years of 5d. a week.

Two of the chief German organizations of ex-service men, representing 4,000,000 old soldiers, have agreed to co-operate with the British Legion and ex-service men's organizations in France, Poland, Italy, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Belgium, Estonia, and Czechoslovakia in arranging a world congress to discuss means of ensuring world peace.

over, made by Italian scholars.

MINE FLOODED IN
STRIKE.

NEVER WORKED SINCE.

The flooding of the Bryn Hall Colliery, near Wigan, during the general strike as the result of the withdrawal of the safety men, was the subject of an action in the King's Bench Division recently, before Mr. Justice Salter. A claim was made against the Colliery Company for £1,000 arrears of rent by Mr. George Henry Drummond, of Pittford, Northhamptonshire, and Mr. John Crocker Bulteel, of Milton, Cambridge, the trustees under the settlement of the Earl of Wilton's life interest in the Wilton settled estates.

Mr. Douglas Young, for the company, said that there was a despatch of frustration which consisted of the flooding of the mine through the active intervention of refusal of the Miners' Federation to let the safety men work during the strike of 1926. That could not be described as a preventable action. The company had not been able to work the mine at all since that time, and would never be able to work it again. When the contract was entered into in 1908 nobody in the industry could have had the provision to contemplate that the Miners' Federation in 1926 would be so short-sighted as to destroy the very corpus of the mines on which their own workers depended.

All Capital Lost.

He submitted that the interference of the Miners' Federation, being something entirely new to the industry and beyond the contemplation of any reasonable man, allowed of a defence of the character put forward. During the strike a great many mines were flooded, with the result, as in this particular case, that some were destroyed. Owing to the action of the Miners' Federation the company lost all the capital they had put into the mine for twenty years.

Mr. William Young, who was manager of the colliery up to December last, said the first hint that the Miners' Federation might withdraw the safety men in the event of a strike was made in 1921. The Federation refused to let the company get coal for the boilers. The mine was closed down, and pumping stopped in May, 1925. The mine became flooded within 88 yards of the surface, and it would take at least two years to have it dewatered and repaired.

Mr. Young—How much do you estimate it would cost to put it right?—Anything from £20,000 to £25,000.

Do you regard the dewatering of the mine as a commercial proposition?—No.

His Lord said he did not propose to give a decision on the case in its present state, and he ordered an adjournment until March 27 to enable the parties to prepare evidence on the questions of misrepresentation and frustration raised in the defence.

COMPLETE EDITION OF
D'ANNUNZIO.ITALY TO MAKE GOOD AN
OMISSION.

D'Annunzio, the soldier poet, is a most expensive man in his whims. Some time ago he complained that, like the prophets of old, he was not appreciated by his countrymen. No complete edition of his work had been published in Italy.

Now a National Institution has been formed by the Government, and the great work of bringing out a special edition of everything D'Annunzio has written has been started.

Twelve thousand pages of prose, poetry, plays and political essays will be published in forty volumes. There will be an edition on handmade paper, only 2,500 copies; another on parchment, only six copies; and still another, on ordinary paper.

Price Contrast.

No volume will be sold separately. The so-called popular edition will cost £60, the edition on handmade paper will cost £180. The edition de luxe will cost £100 per volume.

Italians are expected, for patriotic reasons, to purchase D'Annunzio's works; but as the Church authorities placed the soldier poet's works on the Index, many will seize this pretext and save £80 on religious principles. On October 15, 1920, the second millennium of Virgil's birth will be celebrated throughout Italy.

Under the auspices of the Ambrosian Library at Milan, a replica of the copy of Virgil, owned and annotated by Petrarch, will be published and sold at cost price.

This book was illuminated by Simon Martini, of Siena, and bound by Pietro Parenti, of Florence, in the 15th century.

It represents the first attempt made in latter Italy to popularise the works of a great Latin poet. It contains some of the best commentaries on the Virgilian text.

CANTON WELFARE
HOME.FOR THE CHILDREN OF
LABOURERS.

A Welfare Home is being organized by Mr. Mah Chao-tsun, Commissioner of Pansanry and Labour in Canton, for the fostering and training of the labourers' children. Regulations have now been drawn up, and the various Governmental organizations and organized bodies in the province have been separately requested to contribute funds for the cause. In order to ascertain the number of the labourers' children to enable proper means to be taken for their accommodation, Mr. Mah has ordered the various factories, large and small, in Canton, to report within a limited time the number of children belonging to the labourers in their respective factories.

The scheme has been evolved for the sake of lessening the burden of the labourers in bringing up their children, in accordance with the policies of the Party in protecting the peasants and labourers.

Among these factories which have sent in their reports, are Ming Shui Weaving Factory, the East-Han Railway Works, the Water Works, and the Kwong Tai Tungshan, and Hing Hai Match-making Factories, while others have also been busy in preparing reports to be sent to the Department for reference.—Canton Gazette.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1300 b.
Chartered Bank, \$21 b.
Moroantile A. & B., \$344 n.
P. and O., \$24 n.
East Asia, \$76 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$680 b.
Union Ins., \$3374 sa.
North China, Ins., \$140 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$47 b.
China Underwriters, \$24 b.
China Firms, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$760 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$403 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$281 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$21 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$74 n.
Shell Trans., 90/-
Union Waterboats, \$201 b.

Mining.

Bonguots, \$21 n.
Kallans, 66/- n.
Langkats, \$16 n.
Shai Exploration, \$1. 2. 75 b.
Rauhs, \$4 n.
Tronahs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1381 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$43 b.
China Providents \$6.15 b.
Hongkows, \$166 b.
New Engineering, \$1. 4. 80 s.
Shanghai Docks, \$1. 109 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$1. 8. 20 b.
Orientals, \$1. 9. 0 b.
Shai Cottons, \$1. 55 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.25 s.
H. K. Lands, \$661 b.
Shai Lands, \$140 b.
Humphreys, \$141 n.
Realities, \$3.25 b.
Territories, \$1 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$25.00 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$131 b.
Star Ferries, \$644 s.
China Lights, (Old) \$13.60 s.
H'kong Electric, \$71 b.
Macao Electric, \$263 b.
Telephones, \$4.70 b.
China Buses, \$1. 74 n.
Singapore Tractors, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$6.10 b.
Malabons, \$241 n.
Canton Loco, \$4 n.
Cements (Comb) \$101 n.
Ropes (Old) \$77 b.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$22.90 b.
Watsons, \$14 b.
Der A. Wing, 50 n.
Lane Crawford, \$3.75 b.
MacIntosh, \$22 b.
Sinceres, \$10 b.
Wm. Rowells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$291 n.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 12% Prem.



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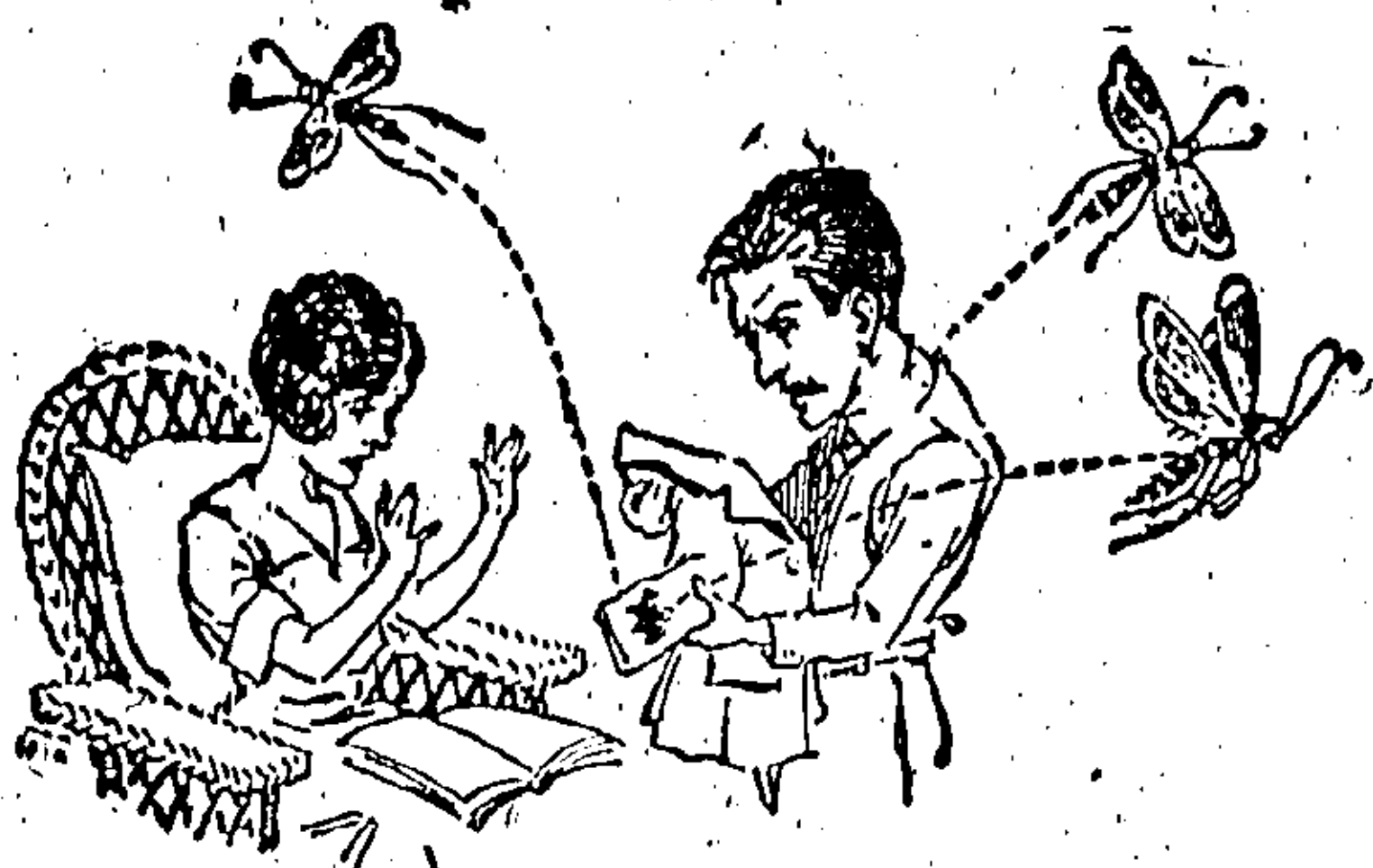
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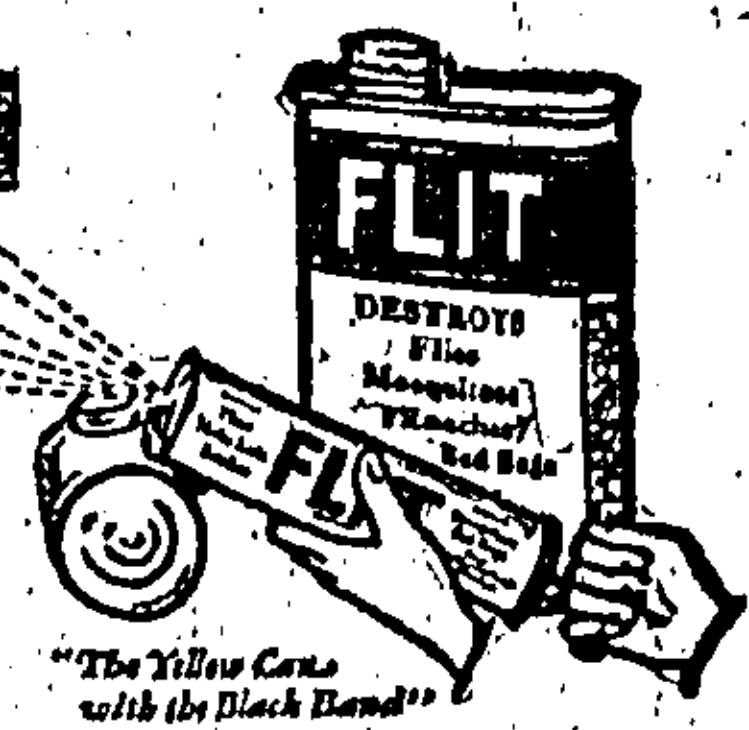
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"BREMEN" FLIGHT.

PLANS FOR WELCOME.

New York, Apr. 17. The elaborate programme for the reception of the "Bremen" fliers includes a formal welcome at the City Hall. Forty radio stations are being linked up to broadcast the speeches after which a triumphal procession will march along Fifth Avenue in the course of which the airman will place a wreath on the war memorial in Madison Square. There will be the usual welcome in New York Harbour, accompanied by shrieking ships' sirens and aeroplane manoeuvres.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Racial Issue Feared.

New York, Apr. 17. A racial issue threatens to develop in connexion with the great civic welcome to the "Bremen" fliers. The news that Commandant Fitzmaurice had left Greenly Island alone has astonished New Yorkers. There are many rumours regarding it.

Whereas Quebec reported that Commandant Fitzmaurice, whom bad weather compelled to land at Natashquan, would await Baron Huensfeld and Captain Koehl at Quebec, a despatch from Washington avers that Commandant Fitzmaurice is going there to deliver to President Coolidge a message from President Cosgrave.

Further excitement is occasioned by the wording of a message of Mayor Walker to Commandant Fitzmaurice in which he said "All citizens of New York, irrespective of race, colour or creed, are waiting impatiently for the arrival of all three of the Bremen crew."

It is believed that powerful German-American pressure and the opposition of predominant Irish politicians will be brought to bear on Mayor Walker to send a message to Commandant Fitzmaurice heading him off until all the "Bremen" fliers can be welcomed together.

Resume to-morrow.

Montreal, Apr. 17. A wireless from Point Amour says that the "Bremen" will resume her flight to New York to-morrow if the propeller is repaired. A Canadian pilot and mechanic remained on Greenly Island after Commandant Fitzmaurice left to assist in the repairs to the "Bremen".—*Reuter's American Service.*

The French Flight.

Paris, Apr. 17. Costes, interviewed, stated that his greatest desire was to attempt a flight from Paris to New York and that he was only waiting for a suitable plane.—*Reuter.*

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

PIPE MORE DANGEROUS THAN CIGARETTES.

SMOKE WITHOUT A HOLDER.

Everyone recognises that many of the effects of tobacco smoking are psychologic rather than physical.

Sir Robert Armstrong-Jones, well known British specialist in nervous and mental diseases, gives special attention to these effects, at the same time considering any possibility of physical changes that may occur from either moderate or excessive smoking.

He accepts the consensus of opinion among medical men that smoking tobacco is harmful to a growing boy. He does not connect it with any mental defect or criminality, but is inclined to believe that persons with mental defects and a tendency to criminality are more likely to take up tobacco smoking early.

Dr. Armstrong-Jones realises that the effects of tobacco are soothing, relieving psychic tension, tranquillizing emotion, and fostering repose. He credits its wide use to the fact that most human beings are under constant emotional stress and that the use of tobacco acts largely to relieve this strain.

Among the conclusions presented by this physician, after studying most of the available scientific material on the subject, are the following:

"1. Tobacco is a sedative with pronounced physical effects supplemented by the arousal of the esthetic emotions when smoked.

"2. Speaking generally, tobacco smoking in moderation is not injurious to grown-up people; indeed, on the contrary, it exercises a soothing influence when the system is irritable. With some persons it contributes to calm thought and continuous mental exertion.

"3. Tobacco when smoked should always be of the best with a pleasant aroma and pleasing to look at, and not the hard, coarse, commoner varieties.

"4. Of the various forms, again in moderation, cigarette smoking is the most wholesome or, perhaps, it should be stated, the least harmful, preferably also without a holder.

"5. Pipe smoking is the commonest form of smoking, and the bowl should be shallow to allow more air, and more frequent refilling. A large, dirty, capacious bowl is unwholesome.

"6. Pipe smoking to be enjoyable presupposes sound teeth, and demands the use of the tooth brush at least twice a day, otherwise pyorrhea, with a long train of ailments, may result.

"7. Cigar smoking is believed to be better, cleaner, and less toxic than a pipe, but is more expensive. A short cigar is better than a long one.

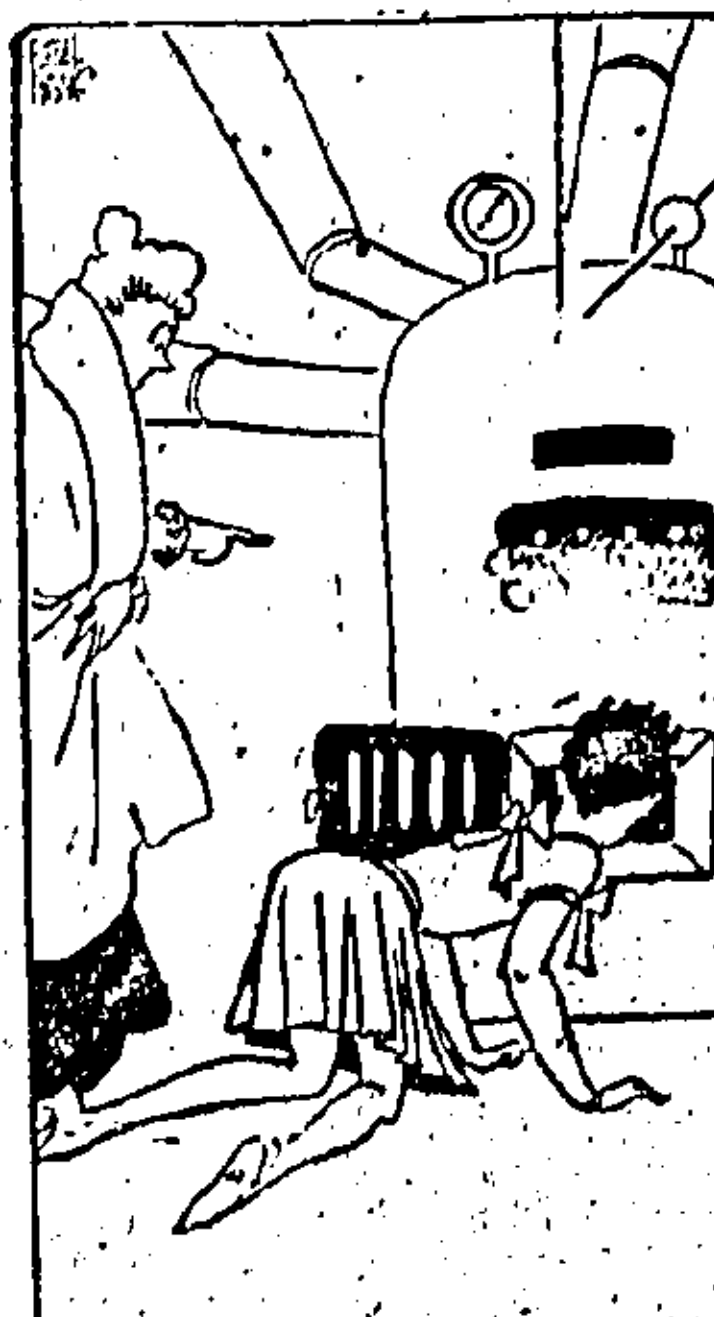
"8. Tobacco smoking is injurious to growing youth in any form, and in them is not infrequently associated with the craving for alcohol, and must be avoided."

PUBLIC HEALTH.

FOURTEEN CASES REPORTED LAST WEEK.

The weekly report of the Medical Officer of Health shows that fourteen cases of infectious disease occurred last week, four being small-pox, three diphtheria, three enteric fever, two cerebro-spinal fever and one each paratyphoid fever and paraperal fever. All were Chinese, with the exception of one British case of diphtheria, one of enteric fever and one of paratyphoid fever.

There were nine deaths, seven from small-pox and two from diphtheria. There was also reported one death from influenza, which is not a notifiable disease. Yesterday's return contained one Chinese case of enteric fever.



Last summer we were crazy with the heat; now it's the heater!

MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM.

DEPARTURE FOR CANTON.

Marshal Li Chai-sum accompanied by practically all the Canton officials left here for Canton by the afternoon express at 3.05 p.m.

Yesterday morning Mr. Chu Chao-hsin told the press that the Marshal would very likely board the Chinese gunboat Hoi Fu for Canton, but it later turned out that nearly all the members of the party left by the train.

Accompanied by Captain A. J. L. Whyte, Aide-de-Camp to H. E. the Governor, and General Chan Ming-shu, new Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, Marshal Li arrived at the Queen's Pier in a motor car at 2.25 p.m., followed by another car, which conveyed Admiral Chan Chat, Chief of the Canton Navy, General Hsu King-tong, Commander of the 5th Army, Madame Chan Ming-shu and another Chinese lady.

A number of police also arrived at the pier to protect the visitors, who immediately boarded the s.s. Victoria for Kowloon. Arriving at the latter place the party boarded two special coaches attached to the express. There were also a number of armed police on guard at the railway station.

Later, Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, Mr. Cheung Wal-cheung, Mr. Chan Hing-wan, Mr. Feng Cho-man, Mr. Lai Man-yam and a few others also boarded the train.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, and Mr. Li Yau-tsun were among those who went to see the Marshal off.

COLLIERY DISASTER.

470 CHINESE MINERS REPORTED DROWNED.

Mukden, Apr. 17.

In consequence of a terrific inrush of water from the abandoned workings, a part of the famous Fushun Colliery has been submerged, drowning most of the working miners. It is at present known that 470 are dead, all Chinese.

The material damage is considerable.

The Fushun mine is the property of the South Manchuria Railway and is the largest open cut mine in the world. Its production last year was 9,000,000 tons and the total output up to the present is hitherto 50,000,000 tons.—*Reuter.*

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A white-bearded caddie, aged 78, is to be seen plodding merrily round Addington golf links, near Croydon, Surrey, with a bag of clubs slung from his straight shoulders. The club members are proud of this picturesque caddie, who must be one of the oldest—if not the oldest—in the country. He is Mr. Richard Glover, a tall, red-checked man with a fringe of beard beneath his chin, who looks what he is—an old farm labourer. Not only does he carry his bag of clubs four miles when he makes a round of the course, but also he walks daily to and from his home at Croydon, which is four miles from Addington. On one occasion recently he did two rounds in a day, which, with his journey to and from home, involved him in a walk of sixteen miles. Mr. Glover is the father of eleven children, of whom all but one are alive.

NEW AMERICAN SERIAL

GIRL ALONE

By ANNE AUSTIN,
Author of "Saint and Sinner."

"It wasn't murder, Eddie," Sally interrupted eagerly.

CHAPTER XIII.

To Sally it was all like a dream, a fantastic lovely dream—except that in dreams you are never permitted to eat the feast that your hunger makes so real. And not even in a dream could she have imagined anything so good as the thick, furry, dark-brown buck-wheat cakes, plattered with golden butter and swimming in maple syrup.

And Eddie Cobb's voice seemed real enough, although the things he was telling her and David in the hastily erected cook tent certainly had dream-like qualities. And David, sighing with satisfaction over his third plateful of hot cakes, was gloriously real. So was the long, rough-pine counter at which they ate, and behind which the big negro cook sang songs as he worked before a huge smoky oil stove. Tables scattered throughout the tent and covered with worn oilcloth reminded her of the refectory of the orphanage which now seemed so far away in the past of her childhood. She drew her wondering eyes from their exploration of the cook tent, focussed them on Eddie Cobb's freckled, good-natured face, listened to what he was telling them:

"This is a pretty good outfit. We carry our own show train, even for the short jumps, and the star performers and the big boss and the performers—when they're flush—eat in the dining car. Got a special cook for the big stars, waiters and everything. Course sometimes we can't get show grounds close enough to the railroad to use the cars much, but in this town we're lucky enough to get a lot pretty close to a siding. The performers will sleep in their berths, unless it gets too hot and they want their tents pitched on the lot."

"What do you do in the carnival, Eddie?" Sally asked, respectfully.

"Oh, I'm helpin' Lucky Looney on the wheels. Gamblin' concessions, you know," he enlarged grandly. "Looney's got three keno pie dolls booths and I'm in charge of one of 'em. Old Bybee—Winfield Bybee—owns the show and travels with it—not like most owners. He owns the concessions and lets the concessionaires operate 'em on percentage. He owns the freaks and the girle show and the high-diver and all the ridin' rackets—ferris wheels, merry-go-rounds, whips 'n everything. He'll be showin' up any minute now and I'll give you an introduction to him."

"You're so good to us, Eddie," Sally glowed at him. "David and I hadn't an idea what we should do, and we were so hungry we could have eaten field corn off the stalks."

"You looked all in," Eddie grinned at her. "So you ran away, too, Sally. Couldn't stand the racket any longer, eh? Is David here a sweetheart you picked up on the road? Gosh! To think of little Sally Ford tramping!"

"I'm afraid I've taken advantage of your friendship for Sally, Cobb," David said. "The truth is, Cobb—"

"Aw, make it Eddie. We're all lads, ain't we?"

"Well, the truth is, Eddie, that I'm afraid I'm a fugitive from justice. I wanted to take Sally back to the orphanage and give myself up for murder—"

"Gawd!" Eddie ejaculated, paling. Then something like admiration glittered in his little black eyes. "Put the soft pedal on, Dave. Don't let nobody hear you—"

"It wasn't murder, Eddie," Sally interrupted eagerly, her hand going out to close on David's reassuringly. "It was an accident. Tell him, David. Eddie will understand."

"The cook tent was filling up, so David lowered his voice to a murmur as he told Eddie Cobb, briefly but accurately, the story of his probably fatal attack upon Clem Carson, the farmer."

"Gee!" Eddie breathed, when he recalled was finished. "I hope you finished him! If the old buzzard ain't dead—and I'll bet he ain't—I'd like to take a crack at him myself. You, two kids stick with us. I'll tip off Bybee and I'm a son-of-a-gun if he don't give you both jobs. The concessions are always short of help—"

"Oh Eddie, if he only would!" Sally gasped. Then sudden doubt clouded her bright face. "But Eddie, we'd be so conspicuous with the carnival. The police would lay hands on us as soon as we showed our faces—"

"Not if the Big Boss took you under his wing," Eddie reassured her. "In the carnival the Big Boss is the law. I'll speak to him myself. The carnival labourers—big, rough-looking, powerful negroes in undershirts and soiled, non-descript trousers—eyed the trio curiously as they passed from one tent and booth to another, Eddie explaining and gesticulating like a cook's tour conductor."

"Gee, Sally, I never expected to see any of you kids again," Eddie interrupted his monologue, which was like Greek to his guests. "Have you ever been sorry you ran away, Eddie?" Sally asked, wistfully desiring reassurance, for it was still impossible for her to picture life independent of state charity."

Eddie snorted. "I've been seeing life, I have. New York and Chi and San Looney and all the big towns. But I reckon it's easier for a boy. I never did want to go back, of course, but I've thought many a time I'd like to see some of the kids." He blushed crimson under his big freckles. "How—how's Ruby, Sally? You know—Ruby Presser? She still there? She must be 17 now. She was two

years younger'n me. I sort of figger 'on marryin' Ruby one of these days—say, what's the matter?" he broke off abruptly.

"Ruby—Ruby's dead, Eddie. Didn't you read about it in the papers?"

"Ruby—dead? You—you ain't kiddin' me, Sally? Ruby—dead!" Sally's distressed blue eyes fluttered to David's face as if for help. "Ruby—fell—out of a fifth story window, Eddie—last September," Sally admitted in a choked voice. "After she had spent the summer on the Carson farm, Eddie," David broke in quietly, significantly.

Sally closed her eyes so as not to see the conflict of rage and grief in Eddie Cobb's boyish face. "I hope to God you did kill him, David!" Eddie burst out at last. "If you didn't I'll finish him!"

"What's all this, Eddie?" a great bellow brought them all to startled attention. "Old home week? Get to your work! Lucky's howling for you. Who the hell do you think's going to set out the dolls?"

Eddie's importance was suddenly shattered. The big man, who seemed to Sally to be as tall as the giant whom he advertised as a star attraction, came striding across the stubby, dusty lot. His enormous head, topped with a wide-brimmed black felt hat in defiance of the torrid June weather, showed a fringe of long, curling white hair which reached almost to the shoulders of his Prince Albert coat.

"I'd like to speak to you a minute, sir," Eddie urged meekly. After another frowning, considering up-and-down glance at David and Sally, but particularly at Sally, the big man strode away with Eddie, out of earshot.

"If the big man does take us, you won't be sorry, will you, David?" Sally whispered, clinging to David's hand.

"Dear little Sally!" David drew her close against him for a moment. They stood close to each other, Sally not caring if the interview between Bybee and Eddie prolonged itself interminably, for David was there, thinking—she could feel his thoughts—"Dear little Sally!"

But after only a few minutes Winfield Bybee and Eddie came across the stubble toward them. Bybee spoke, gruffly: "Eddie here has been telling me that you two kids have got yourselves into a peck of trouble, and want to hide out a bit. Well, I reckon a travelling carnival is about the best place in God's world to hide. Anybody that wants to bother you will have to deal with Winfield Bybee, and I ain't yet turned any of my family over to a village constable. Now, Dave—that your name?—if you want to keep out of sight, reckon I'd better let you help Buck, the cook on the privilege car."

"Sometimes Buck gets too chummy with a bootlegger and his K. P. has to serve the food alone, And you, Sally—" His keen eyes narrowed speculatively, took in the little flushed face, the big eyes sparkling. Then one of his big hands reached out and lifted the heavy braid of black hair that hung to her waist, weighed it, studied it thoughtfully.

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Mr. Joseph Parker, of Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby, who celebrated his hundredth birthday recently, has already dug his cottage garden for the spring sowing. Recently he trimmed a hedge.

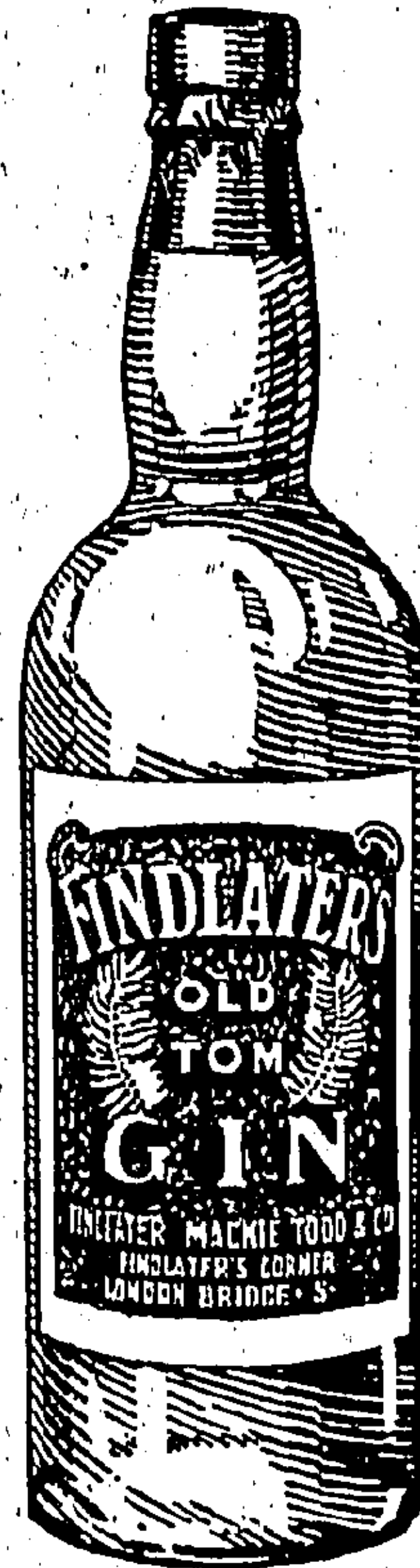
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"I cannot refrain from observing that civil servants of the highest grade have quarters provided for them, and there is also the inclusion of quarters for inspectors and coolies in the recommendations of the estimates sub-committee, a claim might be preferred on behalf of the clerical section of the service," said Mr. J. P. Braga, speaking at a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday in connection with the adoption of the report of the committee appointed to consider the proposed changes in the estimates of the Sanitary Department for 1929.

Those present, in addition to Mr. W. J. Currie (President), were Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. G. W. Pope (M.O.H.), Dr. H. A. Fawcett and Mr. J. Watson (Secretary).

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and the proposition was seconded by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin.

Mr. J. P. Braga said: "Particularly with regard to two recommendations am I in hearty agreement with the Estimates Sub-Committee. The first is the inclusion of a market for Kowloon Tong in the list of Public Works. Extraordinary; and the second, quarters for scavenging coolies at rear of Kowloon disinfecting station. There is also a recommendation for quarters for two inspectors at Kennedy Town."

Clerical Staff Quarters.

The omission of any recommendation for quarters for the clerical staff is forced upon my notice. I am anticipating reply to this criticism by stating that I shall probably be told that the provision of quarters for the clerical branch of the Civil Service is a question of policy to be dictated by the Government and cannot be included in any recommendation by a sub-committee of this Board on the estimate of expenditure. At the same time, as a member of this Board, I cannot refrain from observing that while civil servants of the highest grade have quarters provided for them, and there is also the inclusion of quarters for inspectors and coolies in the recommendation of the Estimates Sub-Committee, a claim might be preferred on behalf of the clerical section of the service. It cannot be said that the incidence of the high cost of living in the Colony falls any more lightly on the subordinates than on the highest paid officers of the Government. I imagine that the reverse is the case.

Central Market.

When the estimates were discussed this time last year in reply to my suggestion for certain improvements in the Central Market, your predecessor informed the board that my suggestion would be passed on to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon. I am disappointed that nothing has been heard from the C.V.S. since the Board meeting on March 22 last year. Nothing has been done and, as far as can be seen, nothing is likely to be done for the next year, to ob-

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I am glad to see that bath houses are recommended for Shanshui and Hungnam. These conveniences should be greatly appreciated by the working classes and should be placed at their disposal, within easy reach of the industrial establishments, the means of a comfortable bath at the end of a day's work.

Recreation Grounds.

I hope the time is not far distant when open spaces and public recreation grounds for the industrial classes will come to be recognised as a provision that will have to be made out of the revenue of the Colony to secure better health of its inhabitants. For example, the ravages of tuberculosis might be minimised if greater facilities were provided to the industrial classes to remain out in the open air of an evening instead of being huddled together in the vitiated atmosphere of cubicles in crowded tenement houses.

Places like the Blake Garden in Taipingshan should be reproduced in the industrial districts of Hongkong and Hok On at Kowloon and of Shaukiwan in Hongkong. Reservations for recreation grounds also be advocated for the neighbourhood of Shamshui. I hope it is not outside the province of this Board to formulate recommendations in the directions I have indicated for submission to Government for its favourable consideration.

In conclusion Mr. Braga said that the members of the Estimates Sub-Committee should be congratulated on their efforts in circulating the memorandum. They had attended to much detail with remarks for each item on the proposed expenditure for next year.

Cost of Rents.

Replying the Chairman said he thought Mr. Braga was right in saying that the Board would be going outside its province in making representations for the clerical staff, but there were of course quarters for them. There was a block of houses in Percival Street which was rented by the Government. He thought that the actual cost of rents in the Colony did not fall so hard on the clerical staff now as it did in the old days, and they were able to get quarters by a certain percentage of their salary.

The Central Market question was raised last year, but he could not remember what stage it reached. He would look it up and bring it before the Board at the earliest opportunity.

With regard to grounds and open spaces the Committee which was formed some years ago prepared maps with such spaces reserved, and he could produce copies of those maps.

The rest of the business was formal.

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Several towns in Oaxaca State are believed to have been destroyed by an earthquake which rocked South Mexico. Many buildings collapsed in Oaxaca City, where the shocks were very severe. Most of the buildings in Pinotepa and Tuxtla were damaged. The buildings in Vera Cruz also rocked but apparently there was no loss of life and the damage was small.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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Captain J. K. Clark, of the Shengking, is on reserve. Captain V. Shaw, from reserve, has gone master, Shengking.

Mr. M. Byrne, from reserve, has gone sup'y second officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. J. S. K. Oliver, sup'y third engineer officer, Hsin Peking, has gone sup'y third engineer officer, Tungchow. Mr. E. Dunn, third engineer officer, Tungchow, has gone sup'y third engineer officer, Hsin Peking. Mr. A. T. McLellan, from Home, has gone acting third engineer officer, Tungchow.

Mr. D. McI. Campbell, third engineer officer, Chinkiang, has gone third engineer officer, Tai Koo Wan. Mr. W. D. Gardner, from shore employment, has gone acting third engineer officer, Chinkiang.

Mr. H. Jackson, second engineer officer, Yunnan, is on reserve.

Mr. R. Baillie, from shore employment, has gone third engineer officer, Chinkiang.

Mr. W. S. Smith, sup'y third engineer officer, Tungting, has gone sup'y third engineer officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. O. W. R. Basham, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kungwo.

Mr. J. Rees, second officer, Kungwo, has gone second officer, Suifu.

Mr. E. J. Granger, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, Leesang. Mr. R. H. Watt, third engineer officer, Leesang, has gone acting second engineer officer, same ship. Mr. A. Paton, second engineer officer, Leesang, has gone second engineer officer, Kutwo. Mr. J. Hallett, second engineer officer, Kutwo, has resigned.

Mr. L. McWilliams, chief engineer officer, Leesang, is on reserve. Mr. A. J. Begley, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Lee Sang.—Shipping and Engineering.

PROFESSOR QUILTS.

DR. KAWAKAMI RESIGNS HIS POSITION.

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

Professor Kawakami has resigned.—Reuter.

[A message from Tokyo dated the 16th stated that though the government appears anxious to make a wholesale clearance of radical professors and students and to curtail the study of social science, opposition to drastic measures is voiced in sections of the press, while many educationalists are equally opposed. It is indicative of the growing feeling in this respect that the heads of the Kyoto University have decided to oppose the government's proposal to dismiss the well-known radical professor, Kawakami, the expulsion of the radical students and the dissolution of the social science groups till thorough investigations have been made. Other seats of learning are all reported to be taking a similar stand.

Professor Kawakami is an author of note. He graduated in law from the Tokyo University in 1902 and then continued his studies in England. Among his writings are his "Principles of Economics," and "Gold, Trust and Prices."

NORTHERN GENERALS EXECUTED.

SOUTHERN ADVANCE CONTINUES.

Nanking, Apr. 17.

An official announcement at Nationalist headquarters at Haichow reports the occupation of Tsohsien on the 15th, whereafter Yenchowfu was surprised and furiously attacked on Monday morning and occupied the same afternoon, the Shantung forces surrendering.

The announcement adds that Marshal Chang Chung-chang, the northernmost Governor of Shantung, after executing several of his leading Generals, ordered a general withdrawal of the Shantung-Chihli forces to Tainan and Tsinan.

The Nationalists have captured Ichowfu, in southeast Shantung.—Reuter.

Peking, Apr. 17.

Chang Chung-chang asserts that he deliberately withdrew in order to draw the Nationalists northward so as to enable Sun Chuanfang to carry out an encircling movement and cut off their retreat.

A report from Tsinanfu states that Chang Chung-chang offered \$10 to each soldier and \$30 to each officer re-entering Lincheng. He put himself at the head of 5,000 picked men and attacked the city at dawn on the 15th and recaptured it.

The Southerners are reported to have captured the district magistrate Tancheng and are continuing to advance northward.

The Northern armoured cars are now able to cross the Changho bridge and claim to have destroyed a Kuominchun steel train near Changte.—Reuter.

Nationalist Advance Confirmed.

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

While it is very difficult to estimate accurately the fortunes in the sanguinary struggle at present going on south of the Yellow River in the vicinity of the Honan-Kiangsi Shantung borders, there is reason to believe that Chang Kai-shek forces have reached Lincheng on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, and the Kuomintang have captured Kuyehsien and are now threatening Tsinan; while the Northerners are falling back on Yenchowfu.

On the other hand, twenty thousand of Sun Chuan-fang's troops are reported to be advancing in North Honan on the Pehsien-Fenghsien-Kweichow front. If this is true it seems certain that these troops must be enveloped by the converging Kuominchun and Nationalist forces in Shantung.

Nationalist reinforcements continue to arrive at Haichowfu, the latest being General Chu Pei-eh with the Third and Thirty-first Kiangsi armies.—Reuter.

Japanese Marines.

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

The Cabinet this morning decided in view of the advance of the Nationalists in Shantung to order Marines to be landed at Tsinanfu, to be sent if need be to Tsinan. The question of sending troops from Japan will be decided probably to-morrow. In the meantime troops from Tientsin will be held in readiness to proceed to Shantung.—Reuter.

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MILLWORKERS STRIKE.

CULMINATION OF INDIAN UNREST.

Bombay, Apr. 17.

Events in the mill area appear to be moving towards a general strike as a demonstration of opposition towards the double shift system which is gradually being introduced in the Bombay mills. A large procession brought out the workers in ten more mills. There are now 32,000 strikers.—Reuter.

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd May.	Straits, C'bo B'bay, & Karachi
MALWA	10,986	28th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
LALPORE	5,273	31st May.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June.	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June.	Marseilles, L'don & A'worp
MIRZAPORE	6,715	19th June.	Straits & Bombay
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NOVARA	6,989	30th June.	Marseilles, London & Hull
KHYBER	9,114	7th July.	M'lou, L'don, A'worp & Hull
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1HATIPARA	7,764	25th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, & Osaka
1MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
1TALMA	10,000	3rd May.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
1LALPORE	5,273	3rd May.	Moji & Kobe
1TAKLIWA	7,936	7th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
1NOVARA	6,989	8th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
1TANDA	6,656	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
1DEVANHA	8,155	11th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Osaka
1DELTA	8,097	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
1SANTHA	7,754	22nd May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
1MIRZAPORE	6,715	24th May.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
1RANPURA	16,601	25th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
1TILWA	10,006	2nd June.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
1NANKIN	7,058	5th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
1ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
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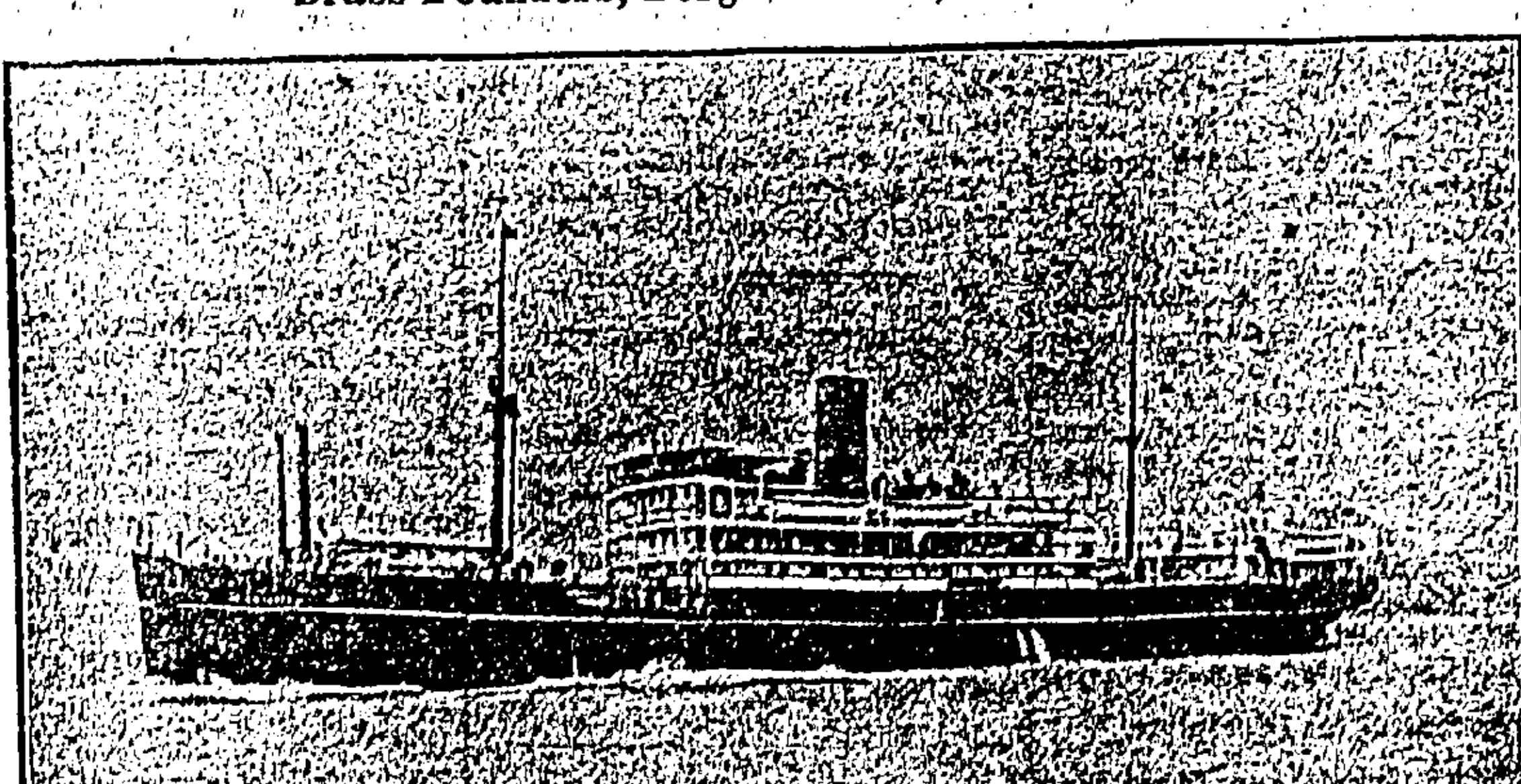
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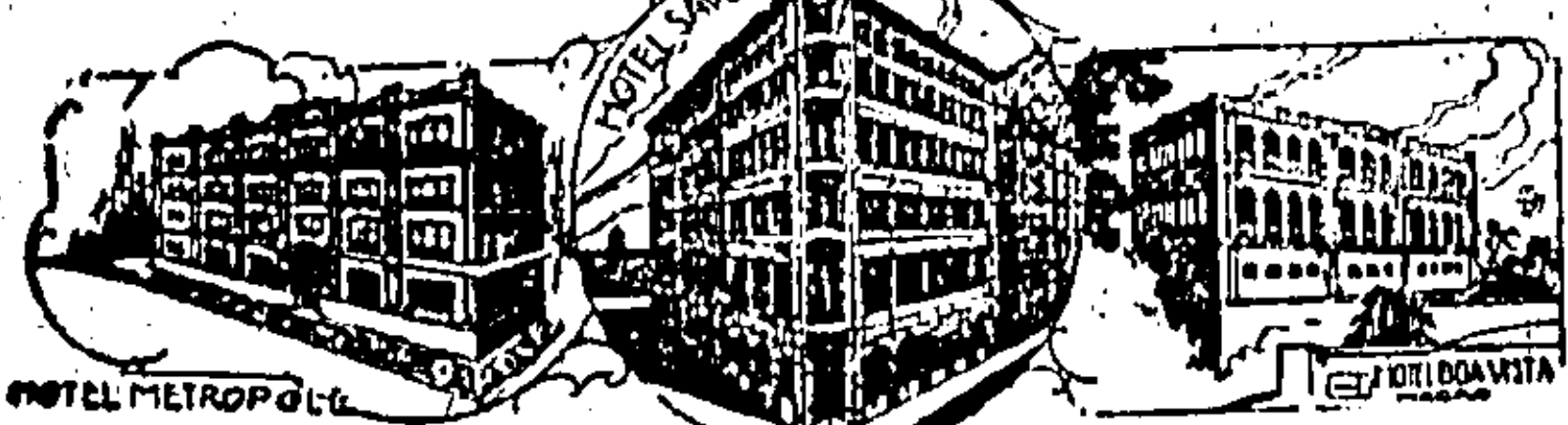
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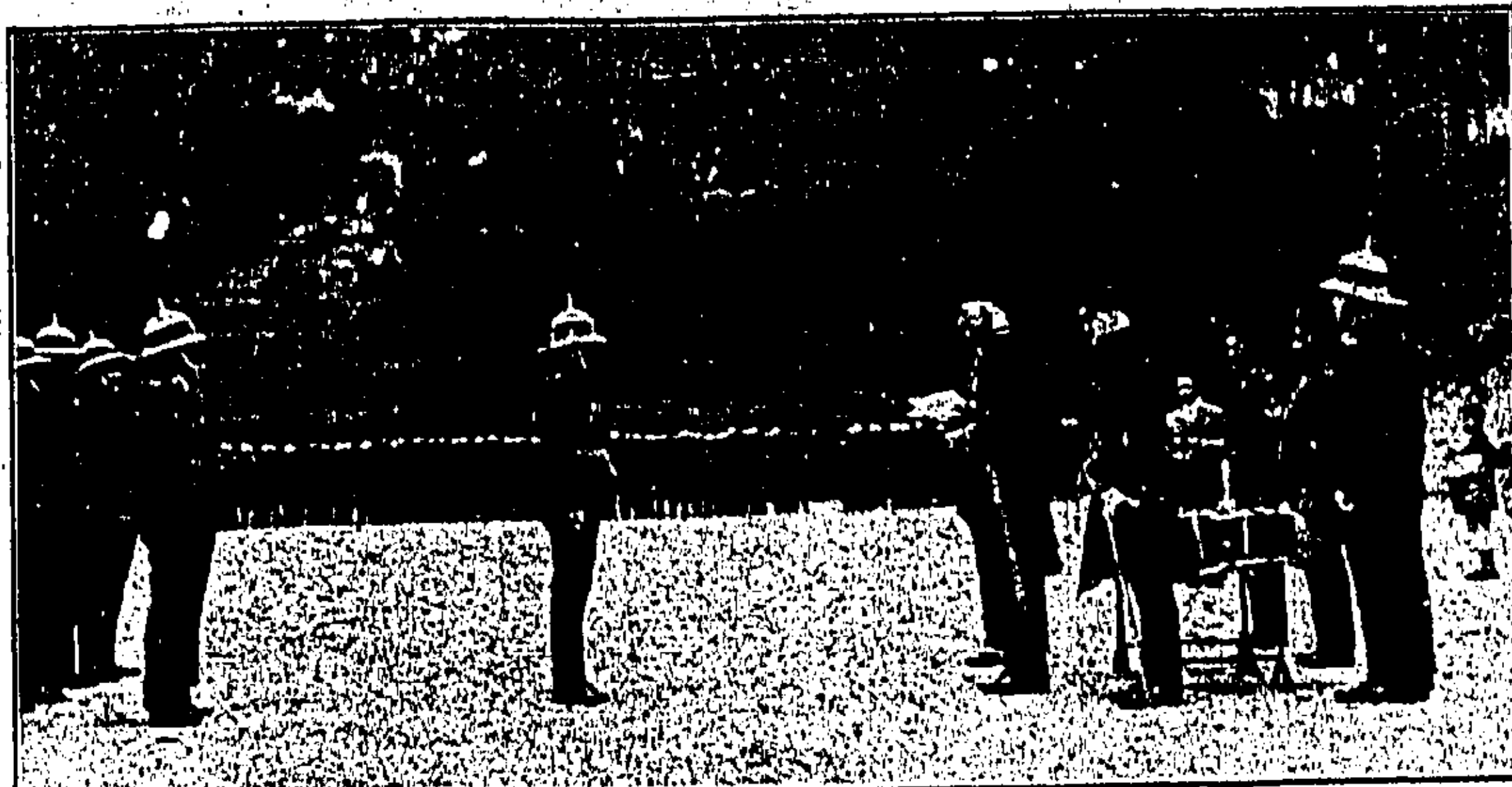
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DEATH PENALTY IN
ARMY.DEBATE IN HOUSE OF
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London, Apr. 17.

The House of Commons, by 199 votes to 107, rejected a Labourite amendment to the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill extending the abolition of the death penalty to the offences of cowardice and desertion.

The House also rejected, by 192 votes to 119, an amendment by Sir John Simon narrowing the issue to the question of the abolition of the death penalty for cowardice.

By amendments to the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill issued last month, the only military offences on active service punishable by death will be mutiny, treachery, cowardice, desertion and leaving a post without being regularly relieved.

The death penalty has been abolished in cases of sleeping or being drunk on a post, striking or offering violence to a superior officer, breaking into a building for plunder, and forcing or striking a sentinel.

Labour's Pledge.

London, Apr. 17.

The House of Commons debated the question of the death penalty on active service. Clause 4 of the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, which came up for discussion, provided for the abolition of the death penalty for certain offences.

Mr. Morrison (Labourite) moved an amendment to extend the scope of the clause to various other offences, including cowardice and desertion.

Major Atlee (Labourite) seconded, mentioning that the Labour Party was pledged to the abolition of the death penalty except in case of mutiny and treachery.

Lord Hugh Cecil (Conservative), while he was gratified that the Government had seen their way to go as far as they had gone, hoped they would not abandon the death penalty in cases where it was necessary for the efficient conduct of war.

Sir John Simon (Liberal) suggested that the penalty for cowardice should be penal servitude, instead of death. He moved an amendment with the object of making it apply only to cowardice.

Military Council's Advice.

Mr. Duff Cooper, Financial Secretary to the War Office, said the abolition of the death penalty for certain offences, as proposed by the Government, was not made as a concession to popular opinion. It was unanimously recommended by the Military Council.

It was proposed, in fact, to remove from the Army Act certain clauses which had hitherto cumulated it and which had not been of any real service for the carrying out of the purposes of the Act or in maintaining discipline in the Army. He defended the death penalty in certain cases, on the ground that it acted as a deterrent.

Essential for Discipline.

He said it had been found that where the death penalty was not executed on a man whom the rank and file knew to be a shirker and a coward, the men took the law into their own hands. In certain circumstances, rare as they might be, the retention of the death penalty was essential for the discipline of the forces, because the action of one man might produce, not only the defeat of a small company or Platoon, but of the whole Army.

BLAME FOR ROYAL
OAK AFFAIR.

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officers, but had decided that these sentences should not preclude them from further employment.

Future Employment.

Mr. Bridgeman added that the Admiralty Board were making a careful review of the regulations in order to ascertain whether there were any grounds for the suggestion that officers and men might be uncertain how to act if they had any complaint to make against any officers of superior rank.

Commander Kenworthy (Labour) asked whether further employment in the case of Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel meant further employment at sea.

Mr. Bridgeman said he could not give an undertaking that they would be employed, at sea because the number of vacancies was limited and he must wait until a suitable vacancy occurred.—British Wireless.

KOWLOON MEMBER OF
COUNCIL.

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Gaol Escape Sequel?

The recent gaol escape has drawn further attention to the unsatisfactory nature of the Colony's prison facilities, and the Hon Mr. J. Owen Hughes, pursuant to notice will ask the following questions:—

1. What information can the Government lay before the Council as to the partially prepared site for the new prison situated in Kowloon Bay?

2. What are the daily average of prisoners in 1927 in:—

(a) Victoria Gaol.

(b) Lai Chi Kok Gaol.

3. Does the Government consider these prisons to be overcrowded?

4. If yes, when is it proposed to proceed with increased accommodation?

MILLION DOLLARS
WANTED.FOR THE SUN YAT-SEN
UNIVERSITY.

General Wang Shao-hung, Military Governor of Kwangsi, and a member of the Canton Political Council, has proposed that a sum of \$1,000,000 be assigned to the Sun Yat-sen University in Canton, for the purpose of erecting new buildings.

The proposal was made at a recent meeting of the Canton Political Council by the Kwangsi Governor, who suggested that during the next six months the Canton Treasury should do its best to supply the Sun Yat-sen University with one million dollars.

This scheme has been approved by other members of the Council.

An unexpected hitch occurred in a variety concert broadcast from ZLO.

Miss Irene Russell, was to have sung a song with pianoforte accompaniment—but forgot her words.

She was so disconcerted that she left the piano, and the accompanist continued playing until the other artists in the variety programme came to the rescue and carried on with their turns.

It was no grateful task, said Mr. Duff Cooper, to have to defend the retention of one of the many horrors of war, and the Government only did so because they were convinced it was necessary. In certain cases, to maintain the morale of the Army.—British Wireless.

London, Apr. 17.

The House of Commons passed the third reading of the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.—Reuter.

TROOPS ADVANCE
IN SHANTUNG.NATIONALIST DRIVE
CONTINUES.FALL OF YENCHOW SOON
EXPECTED.

"IRONSIDE" SUCCESS.

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

The Military Council at Nanking received a telegram from Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang yesterday reporting that his forces occupied Taining on Monday afternoon. The Kuomintang forces under General Sun Liang-sing arrived in the city later in the evening.

The Shanlung forces are retreating towards Yenchow.

A report from Hsuehchow states that the 9th and 10th Nationalist Armies operating on the left wing, also arrived at Taining yesterday morning.

Attack on Yenchow.

The combined Nationalists and Kuomintang forces are launching an attack on Yenchow.

Latest messages indicate that fighting is going on in the vicinity of Yenchow, the fall of which is soon expected.

It is reported that General Chu Pei-teh, accompanied by General Kin Han-ting, left for Hsuehchow on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway yesterday morning.

Hupei Progress.

General Li Chung-yen has wired to Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang informing him that he has concentrated all the Hupei and Hunan expeditionary troops on the south section of the Peking-Hankow Railway ready for a Northern advance.

General Li adds that he will direct the operations personally.—Nam Chung Po.

British naval wireless messages from Shanghai and the Yangtze state that the railway at Fengpu has been blocked by a collision. This is expected to be cleared during to-day, however.

With regard to war movements, the 5th Independent Division is proceeding to Ichang from Shasi. Other troops, probably belonging to the 19th Army, have been seen moving up the river in the direction of Shasi.

"Ironside" Capture.

There are reliable reports that Lengchang, on the Pukow-Tung-tsun railway, north of Hsuehchow, has been captured by the 4th Army. This consists of Kwangsi troops commanded by General Chang Fat-kwei, the "Ironside" leader.

It is further stated that the Northern army has retreated to Wenchow.

Troop movements have also taken place on the Middle River. There has been further firing on British vessels, this being done by troops about nine miles below Hankow.

After fasting for a fortnight from religious motives, Mrs. Ivy Clark, has died at her home at Englefield Green, near Egham. Mrs. Clark had been in the habit of walking about the district wearing white headress, and at times would kneel down on the pavement and pray.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Lady Rastman, wife of the shipowner, who was born on February 28, 1862. The Danish flag dates to 1719. 2. George Wedge, Ronald Hutchinson. 4. Thursday Island. 5. Eight, according to the Bill put before Parliament by Sir A. Shirley. 6. In 1823 the life of Henry VIII was thought to be in danger, and a "yard" officer was appointed to attend him day and night. 7. Sea cucumbers, sponges, and ammonites. 8. Sugar-cane first after it has passed through the crushing mill. 9. A journey of 1,022 miles round the British coast in six days. 10. In the cystic body of the South Australian and Ceylon coals. 11. By closely imitating the tapping noise made by the insect. 12. At Marakech, in Dutch New Guinea.

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